

Franz Schausberger



Franz Schausberger (born 5 February 1950) is an Austrian politician (ÖVP) and historian.

He studied at the University of Salzburg, receiving a Doctorate in Philosophy in 1973.

He was member of the Landtag (regional Parliament) of Salzburg from 1979 to 1996. From 1979 to 1989 he was General Secretary of ÖVP Salzburg. From 24 April 1996 to 28 April 2004 he was Landeshauptmann (governor) of Salzburg.

Since 1996 he is the representative of Land Salzburg to the Committee of the Regions (CoR) of the European Union. Since January 2006 he is Vice-president of the European People's Party (EPP) in the CoR.

He has chaired the CoR's Western Balkans Working Group for several years. Now he is chairman of CoR-JCC Serbia. In October 2016 he was appointed Special Adviser for EU enlargement, in particular for the Balkans and Ukraine by the European Commission.

In 1996 he was awarded the qualification as a university lecturer for Modern History by the University of Salzburg.

Schausberger published numerous books and around 200 publications on Austrian history and politics and the European Union.

2008 he was awarded the title "university professor" by the University of West Hungary in Sopron. In 2014, the President of Austria awarded the professional title "University Professor".

In 2004 Schausberger founded the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) in Salzburg and since then holds the chair of the board.