

Biographical information about Rolf Schmachtenberg

Born in 1959 in Aachen, living in Berlin since 1990. Married, three children.

Studied mathematics in Heidelberg and Paris, received his doctorate in economics in Mannheim in 1989; studied in the USA and Norway.

He held various positions at the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs from 2002 to 2025. During this time, from 2011 to 2013, he was Director of the Indo-German Social Security Program in New Delhi at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. From March 2018 to March 2025, he was State Secretary, responsible for social policy.

From 1990 to 2001, he worked in the state of Brandenburg in the field of labor market policy.

He began working in a ministerial administration in April 1990 at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the GDR.

From January 1990 to April 1990, he was working as a specialist at the SPD-GDR.

From 1981 to 1989, he was active in the "peace movement" with numerous local activities in Heidelberg and assisted in building an international network that included initiatives in England, France, the Soviet Union, and the GDR.

Member of the SPD since February 1990.

Further Memberships

- Union: ver.di
- Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO)
- WEISSER RING e.V.
- Deutsch-Polnische Gesellschaft Bundesverband e.V.
- Deutscher Arbeitsgerichtsverband e.V.
- Verein Deutscher Gewerbeaufsichtsbeamter e.V.