

Klaus Welle

EXPERIENCE

Since 2023 Pro bono engagement, currently among others:

Special Adviser to the EU Defence Commissioner

Visiting Professor at KU Leuven and London School of Economics, London

Leader in Residence New York City College Moynihan Centre

Chair Academic Council Martens Centre

Over the last three years I have concentrated on public interventions on European integration, geopolitics, security, defence and right wing populism with 100+ public appearances. I headed the Martens Centre effort to develop programmatic ideas for this current legislature, including the content design and coordination of the „7 D defence“ versions in 2023 and 2024.

Secretary General European Parliament - 2009-2022

Managing an administration exceeding a staff of 5000 and a budget of 2 billion €

Head of Cabinet President European Parliament - 2007-2009

General Director Internal Policies European Parliament - 2004-2007

Secretary General EPP Group European Parliament - 1999-2003

Secretary General European People's Party - 1994-1999

Head of Foreign, European, Defence and Development Department CDU Central Office, Bonn - 1991-1994

Responsible for the expert committees in the policy areas mentioned above

Drafting of the EPP program for the European elections 1994 in the area of Foreign Affairs and Defence

EDUCATION

Degree in Wirtschaftswissenschaften, with „great distinction“, Witten / Herdecke University, 1987 - 1991

Military Service German Airforce, 1986 - 1987

Apprenticeship in Banking 1984 - 1986, WestLB, with „great distinction“

Scholarships Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung