

## Curriculum Vitae



### Personal information

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Nationality Austrian

Date of birth 5 September 1948 in Salzburg, Austria

Married to Prof. Dr. Francisco Ferrero Campos

### Private Sector

Period From February 2010

Position **Member of the Board of Directors of MunichRe, Germany**

**Member of the Board of Directors of Gamesa (Renewable Energy), Spain (until February 2013)**

**Member of the Supervisory Board of Alpine (FCC Group), Austria (until March 2013)**

**Part-time Adviser of IADB, European Headquarters, Madrid (since May 2013)**

### FOUNDATIONS

**President of the EU-LAC Foundation, with Headquarter in Hamburg (Pro bono)**

**President of the Euroamerica Foundation, Spain (Pro bono)**

**Member of the Bertelsmann Foundation, Spain (Pro bono)**

**Member of the Foundation Principe de Girona, Spain (Pro bono)**

**Member of the Foundation for International Relations and Dialogue (FRIDE), Spain (Pro bono)**

## **Work experience Political Career**

Period	December 2009 – end February 2010 (3 months)
Position	<b>Member of the European Commission for Trade and European Neighbourhood Policy</b>
Period	November 2004 – end November 2009 (5 years)
Position	<b>Member of the European Commission for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy</b>
Period	2000 - 2004
Position	<b>Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria</b>
Period	2000
Position	<b>Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) as Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria</b>
Period	2004
Position	<b>Candidate for the Office of the President of the Republic of Austria</b>
Period	1995 - 2000
Position	<b>State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of the Republic of Austria (Cabinet Minister)</b>
<b>Diplomatic Service</b>	
Period	1994 - 1995
Position	<b>Chief of Protocol of United Nations, UNO Executive Office of the Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, New York</b>
Period	1993 - 1994
Position	<b>Deputy Chief of Protocol, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna</b>
Period	1990 - 1993
Position	<b>Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Chargé d'affaires a.i. Austrian Embassy, Paris</b>
Period	1987 - 1993
Position	<b>Counsellor for Economic and Scientific Affairs, Austrian Embassy, Paris</b>
Period	1986 - 1987
Position	<b>Official, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna, Austria</b>
Period	1986 (January – June)
Position	<b>First Secretary, Austrian Embassy, Dakar, Senegal</b>
Period	1984 - 1986

**Official, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna (Economic Affairs, Political Affairs, Consular Affairs)**

Period 1984 (January – September)  
Position **Cultural Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Madrid, Spain**

**Private Sector**

Period 1981 - 1983  
Position **Assistant to CEO,  
Gerns and Gahler, Freilassing/Germany**

Period 1978 - 1981  
Position **Sales Director for Europe (Headquarters in Germany)  
P. Kaufmann Inc. New York**

Period 1971 - 1978  
Position **Gerns and Gahler, Freilassing, Germany  
Assistant Director / Director for Export Promotion  
Paul Kiefel, Freilassing Germany (1971-72)**

**Education and training**

Date June 1986  
Qualification **Diplomatic Exam** (with distinction)  
Date December 1970  
Qualification **Doctor of Law**  
University **Paris-Lodron-University of Salzburg** (Austria)  
Date July 2006  
**Honorary Doctorate of the American-Lebanese University, Beirut**

**Personal skills and competences**

Mother tongue **German**  
Other languages **Fluent in English, French, Spanish and intermediate Italian**

**Publications**

"Kurs setzen in einer veränderten Welt" ("Charting course in a changing world") , Vienna 2002  
"Die Entwicklungszusammenarbeit – Herausforderungen und Visionen" (Development Cooperation – challenges and visions), Vienna 1999  
"Biregional Relations: European Union Latin America and the Caribbean. Speeches", Madrid 2012  
Numerous articles and essays in international and European books, journals etc., e.g.  
"Megacommunities – How leaders of government, business and non-profits can tackle today's global challenges together", 2008, XVI Blanquerna Award 2009.

**Speeches**

**Numerous speeches** held around the world e.g. at  
Princeton University  
Boston University  
The Alexandria Intercultural Dialogue  
Oxford University  
UNU – Tokyo/UN-University  
Riyadh University  
Lima, Peru, International Think Tank  
The Moscow European Studies Center  
and various EU-Think-Tanks in Brussels

**Decorations and awards**

Dr. Ferrero-Waldner holds numerous decorations of many countries around the globe.  
She was voted "European Diplomat of the Year" by European Voice Magazine in 2007