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Curriculum Vitae

Guido Westerwelle

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs since 2009

Guido Westerwelle has been the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs since 28 October 2009.

Background

Born on 27 December 1961 in Bad Honnef near Bonn.

After completing Abitur (university entrance qualification) in 1980, studied law in Bonn. First and second state law examinations, doctoral degree in law, legal practice in Bonn.

Honorary doctorate from Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea.

Joined the Free Democratic Party (FDP) in 1980. Chair of the Young Liberals 1983 to 1988.

FDP chair for Bonn district 1993 to 2000. General Secretary 1994 to 2001. FDP national chair May 2001 to May 2011.

Member of the German Bundestag since 8 February 1996, from May 2006 to October 2009 chair of the FDP parliamentary group.

Deputy Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany from 28 October 2009 to 18 May 2011.