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### Short Biography

Andreas Heinz studied medicine, philosophy and anthropology in Bochum at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, in Berlin at the Freie Universität Berlin and at the Howard University of Washington D.C. Dissertation (MD) 1988 at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum on *Anthropological and Evolutionary Models in Schizophrenia Research*. Afterwards he worked as a post-doc at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD. He qualified for professorship (Habilitation) in psychiatry and psychotherapy in 1998 on the subject of *The Dopaminergic Reward System*. PhD 2013 in philosophy *The Concept of Mental Health* at the faculty of philosophy of the Universität Potsdam.

Since 2002 Heinz has been the director of the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Campus Charité Mitte in Berlin. He is the president of the German Society for Biological Psychiatry (DGBP). From 2008 to 2011, he was the speaker of the Conference of University Chairs of Psychiatry in Germany. Since 2009, he has been a member of the board of the German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Neurology. He is the leader of several research projects including the international research project “Mental Health and Migration”. Since 2012, he has been the vice chair of an organization for Psychiatric Reform and Humanization, the Aktion für Psychisch Kranke. He is a proponent of a person centered approach and open wards in psychiatry. In 2011 he was elected as a Leibnitz chair at the Leibnitz-Institute for Neurobiology in Magdeburg, in recognition of outstanding research in Neuroscience. Heinz is the editor of several books including the Practice of Intercultural Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Migration and Mental Health and the author of more than 400 scientific publications including studies focusing on psychiatry in National Socialism, critical neuroscience and the neurobiology of psychotic and addictive disorders.