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Keynote Speech

**Stability in unstable times – the EU as a strategic
foreign policy Actor**

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Education

- MA in English and Romance languages, literature, history and politics (1980 - 1987) from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and Sorbonne, Paris.

Career

- 2016 – present: Secretary General, European External Action Service
- 2011 – 2016: Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, European External Action Service
- 2006 – 2010: Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (Policy Unit) of the High Representative for the CFSP in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels
- 2003 – 2005: Head of the Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and Head of the Minister's Office
- 2000 – 2003: Deputy Head of the Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and Deputy Head of the Minister's Office
- 1998 – 2000: Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer
- 1994 – 1998: Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel
- 1991 – 1994: Press and Public Affairs officer, German Embassy, Washington
- 1990 – 1991: Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs
- 1988 – 1990: Diplomatic Academy, international and European law, economics, international relations