

# Hannah M. Lessing – Curriculum Vitae

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Austrian Citizenship, born in Vienna on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1963

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Since December 2010	Secretary General of the <b>Fund for the Restoration of the Jewish Cemeteries in Austria</b>
Since May 2001	Secretary General of the <b>General Settlement Fund and National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism</b>
Since September 1995	Secretary General of the <b>National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism</b>
Sept. 1990 – August 1995	<b>Die ERSTE Österreichische Spar-Casse – Bank AG</b> Senior Area Manager International Financial Institutions
Jan. – Sept. 1990	<b>Co. Vetro S.p.a. Industria Vetraria, Milan</b> Manager of the Central Europe Office in Vienna
Jan. – Dec. 1989	<b>Conextrade GesmbH Import-Export, Vienna</b> Manager of foreign exchange operations
May – Oct. 1988	<b>Grebenau and Son Trading Agency, Tel Aviv</b> Manager for textile exports to Germany and France
Feb. – May 1988	<b>Hotel Hilton, Tel Aviv</b> Receptionist

## ACADEMIC HISTORY

Postgraduate education:

Nov. 2001 – May 2002      **Federal Academy of Public Administration**  
Graduated with honours

Undergraduate:

1981–1988                      **University of Economics, Vienna**  
Title awarded: Magistra rer.soc.oec.

Schooling:

1968–1981                      **Lycée Français de Vienne**  
Graduation: Baccalauréat (Matura)

## ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

Sept. 2017	Member of the Presidium of the <b>International Auschwitz Committee</b>
Since 2010	Deputy Chair of the <b>Auschwitz Camp Community</b>
Since January 2017	Representative of the National Fund on the <b>Mauthausen International Advisory Board</b>
Since October 2016	Chair of the Supervisory Board of <b>Kunsthalle Wien GmbH</b>
Since September 2016	Member of the Advisory Board for the <b>Year of Remembrance and Commemoration 2018</b>
Since June 2016	Deputy Chair of the Public Forum of the <b>House of Austrian History</b>
Since March 2011	Austrian representative on the <b>International Committee of the Auschwitz Foundation</b> and Member of the Board of the <b>Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance</b>
Since 2010	Representative of the National Fund on the <b>Societal Advisory Board for the Renewal of the Austrian Exhibition at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum</b>
Since 2009	Representative of the National Fund on the <b>Steering Committee for the Renewal of the Austrian Exhibition at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum</b>
Since 2009	Co-Leader of the Austrian delegation to the <b>International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance</b>
July 2000 – January 2001	Member of the Austrian team under Ambassador Sucharipa <b>for the negotiations on restitution issues headed by Under Secretary of State Stuart Eizenstat</b> . Negotiations concluded with the Washington Agreement, January 2001

## AWARDS

October 2017	Golden Medal of Honour for Services to Vienna
December 2016	Trude and Max Berger Prize for exceptional services to the Jewish Museum Vienna
November 2015	Rosa Jochmann Plaque
May 2013	Cross of Honour for Science and Art
June 2012	Great Golden Medal of Honour of the Federal Alliance of Austrian Jewish Communities
April 2009	Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite

September 2007

Shofar of Freedom Award of the Synagogue "Temple Israel" in Albany, New York

July 2001

Silver Medal of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria

## **LANGUAGES**

- German: mother tongue
- French: bilingual
- English: fluent spoken and written
- Italian: fluent spoken, good knowledge written
- Hebrew: fluent spoken, basic written
- Spanish: good conversational knowledge
- Russian: basic knowledge