

Annette Schavan **Former Federal Minister of Education and Research**

Diplomatic career

2014-2018 Germany's Ambassador to the Holy See

Political career

2005-2014 Member of the German Bundestag

2005-2013 Federal Minister of Education and Research

2001-2005 Member of the Land Parliament of Baden-Württemberg

1998-2012 Vice-chair of the CDU

1995-2005 Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of Land Baden-Württemberg

1982-1984 Municipal councilor

Professional career

since 2014 Visiting Professor at Shanghai International Studies University

2008-2014 Honorary Professor for Catholic Theology at Freie Universität Berlin

1991-1995 Director of the Cusanuswerk

1988-1991 Assistant director of the Cusanuswerk

1987-1988 Federal manager of the CDU's women's organization Frauen-Union

1984-1987 Head of department for out-of-school education at the
Generalvikariat of Catholic Diocese of Aachen

1980-1984 Desk officer at the Cusanuswerk, which awards grants to highly
talented students

Education

1974 Abitur

1974-1980 Studies in Catholic Theology, Philosophy and Education Sciences

Honorary Doctorates

Cairo University (2009), Tongji University Shanghai (2010), Hebrew University Jerusalem (2011), Meiji University Tokio (2011), Universität Lübeck (2014), Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata (2018).