

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Lambert T. Koch – A Concise CV

After holding positions at the universities of Mainz, Würzburg and Jena, the economist Lambert T. Koch, who holds a doctorate and post-doctoral degree in economics, took over the chair of "Economics with special focus on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development" at the University of Wuppertal in 1999. He was also founding director of the affiliated Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research. Appointments as a visiting professor took him to universities in the USA, Austria and Slovakia. Before Koch was elected Rector of the University of Wuppertal in 2008, he was Dean of the Faculty of Management and Economics and responsible for the faculty's enhanced image building and its subsequent transformation into the "Schumpeter School of Business and Economics".

At state level, he was, among other things, an active founding director of Digitale Hochschule NRW. On October 1, 2018, he took office as Chairman of the State Rectors' Conference of the Universities of North Rhine-Westphalia and was re-elected for a second term in 2020. Koch is also Chairman of the University Council of the Hochschule Fresenius University of Applied Sciences, he is a member of the Advisory Board of Technische Akademie Wuppertal e.V. and holds seats in many committees of non-profit associations and foundations. These include the advisory board of NRW.Bank, the state board of trustees of Stifterverband in North Rhine-Westphalia and the board of trustees of Dr. Werner Jackstädt Stiftung.

His main scientific interests are innovation and technology policy, strategic networks and regional and international economic developments. The results of his work have been published in numerous books and articles in journals and newspapers such as Die Zeit, Frankfurter Allgemeine and Westdeutsche Zeitung. He also acts as a consulting expert on academic matters in science-related contexts such as the "The Federal Chancellor's Expert's Dialogue on Germany's Future" (2012/13).

The Technical University of Košice awarded Lambert T. Koch an honorary doctorate (2016) and from the University of Klagenfurt he received the degree of honorary professor (2019). The German Association of University Professors and Lecturers honored him four times as Rector of the Year (2011, 2014, 2017, 2019) and subsequently as "Rector of the Decade." In 2012 and 2015 the Center for Higher Education (CHE), in cooperation with the Financial Times Deutschland

and the weekly newspaper "Die Zeit," nominated him as finalist in the Higher Education Manager of the Year awards.