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Professional background

- Studies in Psychology, Philosophy, Psychopathology at the Universities of Aachen and Bonn and Music at the University of Music, Cologne
- Doctorate in Psychology with “summa cum laude et egregia” at the University of Bonn
- Habilitation in Psychology at Heidelberg University

1983 - 1991

- Research assistant at the Institute for Psychology at the University of Bonn (1982 to 1986) and at the Institute for Gerontology at the University of Heidelberg (1986 to 1991)

1991 - 1993

- Deputy professorship at the Free University of Berlin and the University of Heidelberg

1993 - 1997

- Chair for Lifespan Developmental Psychology, Founding director of the Institute of Psychology at the University of Greifswald

1997 - 2021

- Full professor, Director of the Gerontology Institute at Heidelberg University

2000 - 2007

- Dean of Studies at the Faculty of Behavioral and Empirical Cultural Studies at Heidelberg University

2007 - 2011

- Dean of the Faculty of Behavioral and Empirical Cultural Studies at Heidelberg University

Awards

Dr. h.c. the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University of Osnabruck

Visiting professorships at the Universities of Jerusalem, Copenhagen, Lund, Salamanca

First Presidential Award of the International Association of Gerontology

René Schubert Award of the German Society for Gerontology

Max Bürger Award of the German Gerontology Society

Human Resources Excellence Award (together with the Management Board of the Deutsche Bahn) of the Federal Association of Personnel Managers: Human Resources Manager

Research Award of the German Society for Gerontopsychiatry and Gerontopsychotherapy

First Palliative Care Award – International of the Institute Palliative Care und Organisationsethik, Palliativ Schweiz

First Generation Award from the Prime Minister of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

First European Health Award from the European Commission for the municipal intervention project: "Initiative Second Half of Life"

Cross of Merit *personally* by the Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany;
Acceptance speech to the Federal President on behalf of all medalists

University commissions

Since 2005

- Member of the board of the Research Centre for International and Interdisciplinary Theology

2006 - 2012

- Member of the board of the NAR – Network Aging Research at Heidelberg University

2007 - 2011

- Dean of the Faculty of Behavioral and Empirical Cultural Studies at Heidelberg University

2006 - 2007

- Member of the university commission for preparing the application for Excellence Initiative I

2010 - 2011

- Member of the university commission for preparing the application for Excellence Initiative II

2016 - 2019

- Member of the university commission to prepare the application Excellence Strategy

Since 2018

- Member of the University Council of Heidelberg University (Vice Chairman)

External commissions

1989 - 1992

- Member of the Federal Government's First Age Report Commission

1995-1997

- Member of the Federal Government's Second Age Report Commission

1998-2000

- Chairman of the Federal Government's Third Age Report Commission

2003 - 2006

- Chairman of the Federal Government's Fifth Age Report Commission

2008 - 2011

- Chairman of the Federal Government's Sixth Old Report Commission

2012 - 2016

- Chairman of the Federal Government's Seventh Age Report Commission

2018 - 2020

- Chairman of the Federal Government's Eighth Age Report Commission

2000 - 2002

- Member of the 15-member commission of experts from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, to draw up the “International Plan of Action on Aging”

2001 - 2008

- (with Prof. Dr. Süßmuth) Chairman of the 25-member commission of experts: “Perspectives and Aims in Policy for the Senior Elderly” of the Bertelsmann Foundation.

2004 - 2007

- Member of the Demography Commission of the Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony

2006 - 2010

- Chairman of the Aging Commission of the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany

Since 2008

- Member of the working group: “Nursing“, German Bishops’ Conference
- Member of the commission to prepare the “Week for Life” of the Protestant and Catholic Church

2009 - 2017

- Member of the board of trustees of the Federal Institute for Population Research

2009 - 2014

- Member of the Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (2009-2014)

2010 - 2013

- Member of the Federal Government’s Family Report Commission

2010 - 2012

- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board on the Federal Government's report on the living conditions of people with disabilities

2010 - 2012

- Member of the Future Commission of the Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, head of the working group “Generational Relations”

Since 2014

- Chairman of the Austrian Platform for Interdisciplinary Aging Research

Since 2016

- Member of the German Ethics Council (Vice Chairman from 2016-2018)

2017-2020

- Collaboration Centre of the United Nations Population Fund, New Delhi

Since 2022

- Member of the Board of the German National Association of Senior Citizens’ Organizations in Germany (BAGSO)

Research projects (selection from 32 research projects)

PALLIUM - General medical care for dying people: a longitudinal examination (1986-1989; cooperation gerontology, general medicine [RWTH Aachen University Bonn]) (sponsor: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Order)

PLASTICITY - Outpatient rehabilitation of stroke patients: tasks of primary care coordination (1989-1991; cooperation gerontology, general medicine [RWTH Aachen University, University of Freiburg]) (sponsor: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Order)

ELDERMEN - On gerontopsychosomatics of chronic diseases (two survey waves, 1994 - 1997; 2000-2003; cooperation Gerontology, Internal Medicine [University of Essen] & Psychosomatics [University of Munster]) (sponsor: DFG)

BIAS - Images of Age and Social Structure (1995-1998; cooperation gerontology, psychology [University of Bonn]) (sponsor: Federal Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth)

MANAGING CHRONIC DISEASE - Activation of people with dementia (two sections: 2004-2007, 2007-2010) (sponsor: Federal Ministry of Education and Research)

HILDE – Heidelberg instrument for the assessment of quality of life of people with dementia (2006-2010) (sponsor: Federal Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth)

CASOENAC – Socio-demographic change and active aging. Scientific analysis of a forward-looking policy in international comparison (2009-2012) (sponsor: EU)

SOLIDARITY – Promotion of generativity and intergenerational relationships in the successor states of the Soviet Union. (2009-2013) (sponsor: Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future)

CONTERGAN I-III – On the life situation of people with thalidomide damage - National thalidomide study (three survey waves: 2010-2012; 2014-2016; 2018-2020) (sponsor: Federal Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth + Contergan Foundation)

ELMA, CARLA – Potential of older employees - Intervention studies (2013-2016) (sponsor: Robert Bosch Foundation + Deutsche Bahn AG)

VULNERABILITY – An Interdisciplinary Perspective on Dealing with Dementia in Society (Gerontology, Ethnology [University of Marburg], Philosophy [University of Dresden]) (2009-2012) (Sponsor: VW Foundation)

MHG study - On the psychological situation of abuse victims in the Catholic Church (gerontology, criminology [Universities of Gießen and Heidelberg], Psychiatrics [Central Institute for Mental Health, Mannheim]) (2015-2018) (sponsor: Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference)

ARISE - Applied Rehabilitation Research: Interdisciplinary Evaluation of the Rehabilitation of Stroke Patients & ORBIT - Organization of Rehabilitation for Residents in the Nursing Home to Improve Independence and Participation (2010-2013, 2014-2018) (sponsor: AOK Baden-Württemberg)

AGING IN BALANCE - Health and coping behaviour of older people from different perspectives (2015-2019) (sponsor: Federal Centre for Health Education and Federal Ministry of Health)

TOWNHALL - Give a voice to relatives with a care role (2019-2022) (sponsor: Porticus Foundation Amsterdam & Düsseldorf)

CONTERGAN IV – History, Present, Future: Interdisciplinary (psychological, historical, and legal) analysis of the history, present, and future of the Thalidomide Foundation, including the social reception of the “thalidomide scandal”. [Cooperation partner: Institute for German and European Corporate and Commercial Law, University of Heidelberg; Institute for History and Ethics of Medicine; University of Heidelberg.] (2020-2022) (sponsor: Federal Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth + Contergan Foundation)

Graduate school “Dementia”

1st Funding period: 2009-2014 (Board: Beyreuther & Kruse)

2nd Funding period: 2015-2020 (Board: Beyreuther, Kruse, Bauer & Teichmann)

(sponsor: Robert Bosch Foundation)

Scientific book and journal articles

403 (until June 2022)

Scientific books (since 2000)

Kruse, A., Schmitt, E. (Hrsg.) (2022). „... der Augenblick ist mein und nehm ich den in Acht.“ *Der alte Mensch in seiner Auseinandersetzung mit Aufgaben, Entwicklungsperspektiven und Grenzen*. Heidelberg: Heidelberg University Publishing.

Kruse, A., Schmitt, E., Remmers, H., Ritzi, S., Wild, B. (2022). *Älterwerden in Balance – Gesundheits- und Bewältigungsverhalten alter Menschen*. Köln: Schriftenreihe der Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung – Forschung und Praxis der Gesundheitsförderung.

Kruse, A. (2021). *Vom Leben und Sterben im Alter. Wie wir das Lebensende gestalten können*. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.

Kruse, A. (2017). *Lebensphase hohes Alter: Verletzlichkeit und Reife*. Heidelberg: Springer Spektrum.

Zimmermann, H.-P., Kruse, A., Rentsch, T. (Hrsg.) (2016). *Kulturen des Alterns. Plädoyer für ein gutes Leben bis ins hohe Alter*. Frankfurt: Campus.

Kruse, A. (2015). *Resilienz bis ins hohe Alter – was wir von Johann Sebastian Bach lernen können*. Heidelberg: Springer Essentials.

- Althammer, J., Kruse, A., Maio, G. (2015). *Humanität einer alternden Gesellschaft*. Paderborn: Schöningh.
- Kruse, A. (2014). *Resilienz im Alter. Was wir von Johann Sebastian Bach lernen können*. Heidelberg: Springer.
- Kruse, A. (2014). *Die Grenzgänge des Johann Sebastian Bach. Psychologische Einblicke* (2. Aufl., 1. Aufl. 2013). Berlin: Springer.
- Pantel, J., Schröder, J., Bollheimer, C., Sieber, C., Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2014). *Altersmedizin. Geriatrie – Gerontopsychiatrie – Gerontologie*. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.
- Wahl, H.W., Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2014). *Lebensläufe im Wandel - Entwicklung über die Lebensspanne aus Sicht verschiedener Disziplinen*. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.
- Rentsch, T., Zimmermann, A. Kruse (Hrsg.) (2014). *Altern in unserer Zeit - Späte Lebensphase zwischen Vitalität und Endlichkeit*. Heidelberg: Campus.
- Schulz, T., Putze, F., Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2014). *Technische Unterstützung für Menschen mit Demenz*. Karlsruhe: KIT Scientific Publishing.
- Kruse, A. (2013). *Alternde Gesellschaft – eine Bedrohung? Ein Gegenentwurf*. Freiburg: Lambertus.
- Kruse, A., Rentsch, T., Zimmermann, H.-P. (Hrsg.). (2012). *Gutes Leben im hohen Alter. Das Alter in seinen Entwicklungsmöglichkeiten und Entwicklungsgrenzen verstehen*. Heidelberg: Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft.
- Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2012). *Kreativität und Medien im Alter*. Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter.
- Anderheiden, M., Eckart, W.E., Schmitt, E., Bardenheuer, H., Kiesel, H., Kruse, A., Wassmann, J. (Hrsg.) (2012). *Handbuch Sterben und Menschenwürde. 3 Bände*. Berlin: de Gruyter.
- Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2011). *Kreativität im Alter*. Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter.
- Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2010). *Leben im Alter – Eigen- und Mitverantwortlichkeit aus der Perspektive von Gesellschaft, Kultur und Politik*. Heidelberg: Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft.
- Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2010). *Lebensqualität bei Demenz? Zur Bewältigung einer Grenzsituation menschlichen Lebens*. Heidelberg: Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft.
- Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2010). *Potenziale im Altern*. Heidelberg: Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft.
- Becker, S., Kaspar, R., Kruse, A. (2010). *Heidelberger Instrument zur Erfassung der Lebensqualität bei Demenz*. Bern: Huber.
- Fuchs, T., Kruse, A., Schwarzkopf, G. (Hrsg.) (2010). *Menschenwürde am Lebensende*. Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter.
- Kruse, A. (2009). *Lebenszyklusorientierung und veränderte Personalaltersstrukturen*. München: Wissenschaftliche Reihe des Roman Herzog Instituts, Band 6.
- Kruse, A., Wahl, H.W. (2009). *Zukunft Altern – individuelle und gesellschaftliche Weichenstellungen*. Heidelberg: Verlag Spektrum.

Ding-Greiner, C., Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2009). *Betreuung und Pflege geistig behinderter und psychisch kranker Menschen im Alter*. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.

Kruse, A. (2009). *Altersbilder in anderen Kulturen*. Stuttgart: Schriftenreihe der Robert Bosch Stiftung zu Alter und Demografie.

Kruse, A., Ding-Greiner, C. (2008). *Gesundheitliche Prävention bei Frauen in der zweiten Lebenshälfte*. Schriftenreihe Forschungsbericht des BMG: Band 12. Berlin: Bundesministerium für Gesundheit.

Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2008). *Weiterbildung in der zweiten Lebenshälfte. Multidisziplinäre Antworten auf Herausforderungen des demografischen Wandels*. Schriftenreihe des Deutschen Instituts für Erwachsenenbildung. Bielefeld: Bertelsmann Verlag.

Kruse, A. (2007). *Das letzte Lebensjahr. Die körperliche, psychische und soziale des alten Menschen am Ende seines Lebens*. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.

Kruse, A. (2007). *Alter*. Freiburg: Herder.

Kruse, A. (Hrsg.) (2007). *Weiterbildung in der zweiten Lebenshälfte. Multidisziplinäre Antworten auf Herausforderungen des demografischen Wandels*. Schriftenreihe des Deutschen Instituts für Erwachsenenbildung. Bielefeld: Bertelsmann Verlag.

Heuft, G., Kruse, A., Radebold, H. (2006). *Gerontopsychosomatik und Alterspsychotherapie*. München: Reinhardt.

Kruse, A., Martin, M. (Hrsg.) (2005). *Enzyklopädie der Gerontologie*. Bern: Huber.

Kruse, A. (2002). *Gesund altern*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Kruse, A., Schmitt, E. (2000). *Wir haben uns als Deutsche gefühlt. Lebenssituation und Lebensrückblick (ehemaliger) jüdischer Emigranten und Lagerhäftlinge*. Darmstadt: Springer-Steinkopff.