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Academic CV

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Description

Dr. Peter van der Werff worked as a university teacher, researcher, author, policy advisor and capacity builder. He has been active in 20 states of India, and 24 other countries, in all continents.

In working with governments, private parties, civil society, universities, schools, non-governmental organizations, and tropical villages, he generated clarifying overview, realistic action, and a sense of wellbeing. At the Anthropology-Sociology Centre (ASC), University of Amsterdam, he focused on poverty alleviation. At the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) of the Free University in Amsterdam, he focused on environmental management.

From 2006 onwards he aims at transferring knowledge and skills from academia to the wider society.

Academic Training

- 1992 Environmental Policy and Management. Free University, Amsterdam
- 1987 PhD. Survival Strategies in Upstream South India. University of Amsterdam
- 1978 Malayalam. International School of Dravidian Linguistics. Trivandrum, India
- 1976 MA, cum laude. Anthropology, Development Studies, University of Amsterdam

Professional Employment History

- 2006-present Independent author and consultant
- 2005-2006 Senior Associate, Institute for Environmental Studies, Free University
- 2004-2004 Consultant for Development Cooperation at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1990-2004 Senior Associate, Institute for Environmental Studies, Free University
- 1989-1990 Associate, Institute South and Central Asian Cultures, Leiden University
- 1983-1988 Lecturer, Anthropology-Sociology Centre, University of Amsterdam
- 1978-1982 Field Coordinator Indo-Dutch Kerala Project, University of Amsterdam
- 1963-1968 Market and Media Researcher, United Dutch Publishers (VNU)
- 1957-1962 International Travel Agency Lissone-Lindeman

Languages

Dutch, English, German, Italian, French, Malayalam, Greek, Latin.