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Professional Timeline:

- ESO studentship 1993/1994
- *PhD: 1996, University of Würzburg, Germany; thesis advisors Harald W. Yorke and Hans Zinnecker*
- *Post-doc: 1997, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- *Post-doc: 1998, Caltech/Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA)*
- *Assistant astronomer (faculty): 1999, University of Hawaii (member of Adaptive Optics Group)*
- *Associate Astronomer: 2001, European Southern Observatory (Instrument Scientist for NAOS-CONICA)*
- Staff Scientist: since 2002, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy
- *Visiting Professor at UCLA: 2006-2007*

Research Highlights:

- Main research areas: Exoplanets, star formation in dense stellar clusters, infrared observations and instrumentation
- More than 200 refereed publications – see Google Scholar Profile at <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=wPxAfh8AAAAJ&hl=en>
- Co-editor of books and proceedings on star formation, planet formation, and on science with adaptive optics
- PI of AstraLux Sur (visitor instrument at ESO NTT since 2008)
- Col of the GRAVITY-Instrument for the Very Large Telescope Interferometer of the European Southern Observatory
- Member of the SEEDS (SUBARU) science team
- Member of the SPHERE science team and editorial board
- Member of the METIS (E-ELT) science team
- Press Releases – see <https://www.mpia-hd.mpg.de/~brandner/pr.html>

Grant awards:

- NASA- and DLR-grants in support of Hubble Space Telescope observing programmes:
<http://edok01.tib.uni-hannover.de/edoks/e01fb11/669202819l.pdf>
- AAS, AG and DFG travel grants, ESO PhD grants

Community service:

- Peer Reviewer: A&A, AJ, ApJ, MNRAS, Nature, ...
- Research and observing proposal reviews: ESO, SPITZER, CAHA, OPTICON, CFHT (Taiwanese Time, external expert), EC+ERC (FP7, Horizon2020), DFG (Germany), FWF (Austria), ANR (France), OTKA (Hungary), GAČR (Czech Republic)