
DR. KARIN KNEISSL

PERSONAL DATA

Dr. Karin Kneissl

Author – Analyst – Foreign Minister of Austria
(2017–2019)– co-founder and head of the
G.O.R.K.I Center (2023)

Born on January 18th, 1965 in Vienna
Resident in Saint–Petersburg since 2023

EDUCATION

1991/92: Ecole Nationale d'Administration ENA Paris/France (Gambetta).

September 1991: Presentation of the dissertation in international law on the concept of borders in the Middle East at the University of Vienna

1989: Georgetown/USA Fellow at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies
1991 with a Fulbright Commission Scholarship.

1988: Postgraduate studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Israel in International Relations and at the University of Urbino/Italy in European Law

1983 – 1987: Studies of Law and Arabic at the University of Vienna. Graduated with Magister iuris and Diploma of the United Nations in Arabic.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Dr. Karin Kneissl is the co-founder and head of the G.O.R.K.I Center since June 2023. She arrived in St. Petersburg in September and officially took up her activities.

Since the end of the federal government in June 2019 she has returned to freelance work as author, lecturer on geopolitics, energy economics and analyst. Since May 2022, she regularly comments on world affairs for the multilingual RT channels.

Since May 2020 – 2022, as a visiting professor at Moscow University MGIMO.

2017/19: Independent Foreign Minister in the cabinet of Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, as well as in the cabinet of experts of Chancellor Herwig Löger.

1998 – 2017: Freelance lecturer, speaker and writer ; Independent correspondent for print media in German-speaking countries and lecturer at the University of Vienna (1995–2004), the Diplomatic Academy Vienna (2000–17), the European Business School/Rheingau (2007–17), the Centre International des Sciences de l'Homme Byblos/Lebanon, Université Saint Joseph Beirut, National Defence Academy and Military Academy since 2000 in the fields of international law, history of the Middle East, state implosions, energy market, among others.

1990 – 1998: in the foreign service of the Republic of Austria, among others in

the Political Department (1990/91), Office of the legal advisor (1994) and in the Cabinet of the Federal Minister (1993). Served at the embassy of Paris (1995) and Madrid (1996– 98).

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PUBLICATIONS

Karin Kneissl has published on energy policy and international relations. Including 12 books and numerous articles in various periodicals; see list of publications.

List of publications :

- ❖ Der Grenzbegriff der Konfliktparteien im Nahen Osten.
Dissertation, Universität Wien, 1991.
- ❖ Hizbollah: Libanesische Widerstandsbewegung, islamische Terrorgruppe oder bloß eine politische Partei? Eine Untersuchung der schiitischen Massenbewegung Hizbollah im libanesischen und regionalen Kontext.
Landesverteidigungsakademie, Wien 2002, ISBN 3-901328-69-6.
- ❖ Der Energiepoker: Wie Erdöl und Erdgas die Weltwirtschaft beeinflussen. Finanz-Buch, München 2006, ISBN 3-89879-187-4; 2., édition revue 2008, ISBN 978-3-89879-448-0.
- ❖ Die Gewaltspirale: Warum Orient und Okzident nicht miteinander können.
Ecowin, Salzburg 2007, ISBN 978-3-902404-39-8.
- ❖ Testosteron macht Politik.
Braumüller, Wien 2012, ISBN 978-3-99100-068-6.
- ❖ Die zersplitterte Welt: Was von der Globalisierung bleibt.
Braumüller, Wien 2013, ISBN 978-3-99100-086-0.
- ❖ Mein Naher Osten.
Braumüller, Wien 2014, ISBN 978-3-99100-112-6. 3E édition 2017
- ❖ Prinz Eugen: Vom Außenseiter zum Genie Europas.
Belvedere, Wien 2014, ISBN 978-3-902805-58-4. Traduit en Russe en 2019
- ❖ Wachablöse: Auf dem Weg in eine chinesische Weltordnung.
Frank & Frei, Wien 2017, ISBN 978-3-9504348-4-2.
- ❖ DIE MOBILITÄTSWENDE und ihre Brisanz für Gesellschaft und Weltwirtschaft.
Vienne Éditions Braumüller, September 2020. ISBN 978-3-99100-307-6
- ❖ DIPLOMATIE MACHT GESCHICHTE: Die Kunst des Dialogs in unsicheren Zeiten.
Hildesheim. Éditions Olms, juin 2020. ISBN 978-3-487-08633-0

MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ She was elected "independent director of the board" by Rosneft shareholders on June 2, 2021. The Russian energy company Rosneft is 40 percent state-owned, with

60 percent held by other shareholders, including BP. Karin Kneissl was also appointed to the Strategy and Auditing Committees. She resigned from her position as a member of the Board of directors on May 20, 2022.

- ❖ Member of the Board at Wiener Städtische Wechselseitiger Versicherungsverein – Vermögensverwaltung – Vienna Insurance Group since December 2016, terminated with ministerial office in 2017.
- ❖ Karin Kneissl has been active in numerous charity institutions in Austria and Lebanon.
- ❖ She was elected as a member of the municipal council in Seibersdorf, Lower Austria. 2005–2010.
- ❖ On the scientific advisory board of the European Forum Alpbach 2007–2010; of Academia Superior 2011/2012.
- ❖ Vice President of Whistleblowing Austria, founding member 2011. Association was dissolved in 2017.
- ❖ Vice President of the Society for Strategic and Political Studies STRATEG since 2003. In March 2022 Karin Kneissl was removed from her post for political reasons.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Arabic

English

French

Italian

Spanish

Hebrew (basic knowledge)

Hungarian (basic knowledge)

Russian (basic knowledge)