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1 April 1966 **Date of birth**

Swiss **Nationality**

Bern (CH) **Place of birth**

divorced **Marital status**

German (native language) **Languages**

French (working language)

English (working language, IELTS level 7.0)

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C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E Professional activities

CEO/Partner bureau K. SA, Muri BE (CH) since 12/2011

COO/Partner bureau K. GmbH, Gossau SG (CH) 05/2011 - 11/2011

Head of Training Support at the Swiss General Staff College 10/2010 – 3/2012
Swiss Armed Forces College, Lucerne LU (CH)

Swiss Land Forces ISTAR Capabilities Manager 2004-2008
Program Manager "Combat Intelligence"
Swiss Armed Forces ISTAR Program, Berne BE (CH)

Deputy Head of the Swiss Land Forces Doctrinal Department 2004-2008
Swiss Land Forces, Berne BE (CH)

Head of Planning of the Swiss Armor Troops 2/2002-2003
Federal Office of Combat Troops, Thun BE (CH)

Project Manager "VIINACCS"¹ 2/2002-2003
Federal Office of Combat Troops, Thun BE (CH)

Instructor 1997-2001
Swiss Armor Officers School, Thun BE (CH)

¹ Vehicle Integrated Information, Navigation, Command and Control System

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C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E **Education**

Advanced Command and Staff Course King's College, London (UK) Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham (UK) Chartered Management Institute, Corby (UK)	2008-2009
<i>Master of Arts in Defence Studies</i> <i>Post Graduate Joint Staff College</i> <i>CMI Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership (QCF)</i>	
Supplementary Training Course (Postgraduate) 2 Swiss Military Academy at the FIT², Zurich ZH (CH)	2007
ISTAR Studies Israeli Defence Forces/Israeli Military Industries, Tel Aviv (IL)	2004-2008
Supplementary Training Course (Postgraduate) 1 Swiss Military Academy at the FIT, Zurich ZH (CH)	2003
Armor Captains Career Course, Armor Pre-Command Course United States Army Armor School, Fort Knox KY (USA)	2001-2002
Battalion Commanders Course Armor Troops School of the German Bundeswehr, Munster (D)	1999
Company Commanders Course Armor Troops School of the German Bundeswehr, Munster (D)	1996
BA Study Course for Career Officers Swiss Military Academy (SMA) at the FIT, Zurich ZH (CH)	1990-1994
<i>Federal Diploma for Career Officers FIT/SMA</i>	

² Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)

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C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E **Military Career³**

Armed Forces Joint Staff since 01/2015

G7 Officer/Project Manager (OF-5)

Infantry Brigade 7 01/2012-12/2014

G2 (OF-4)

Territorial Region 1 08/2009-12/2011

G2 a i (OF-4)

Swiss Land Forces ISTAR Experimental Command ad hoc 2007-07/2009

Commanding Officer (Commander, OF-4)

Reconnaissance Battalion 11 (Battalion Combat Team) 2004-2006

Commanding Officer (Commander, OF-4)

Armor Battalion 14 (Battalion Combat Team) 2001-2003

Commanding Officer (Commander, OF-4)

Armor Brigade 2 1999-2000

G3 Officer/Deputy G3 (OF-3)

Infantry Division 3 1998

G3 Officer (OF-2)

Mechanized Infantry Company IV/3 1996-1997

Commanding Officer (Company Commander, OF-2)

Reconnaissance Company I/3 1994-1995

Commanding Officer (Company Commander, OF-2)

³ Due to the specific organization of the Swiss Armed Forces, all Swiss career officers (OF-1 to OF-6) will hold two assignments in parallel throughout their entire career: one in the peace time organization and one in the wartime organization of the Swiss Armed Forces.