

Curriculum Vitae

Claus Hecking

Personal Profile

- Dedicated journalist with a nose for exclusive news and a passion for op-eds and non-mainstream feature stories.
- 14 years experience as a staff writer and author for leading print and digital media such as Spiegel Online, Capital Magazine, Die Zeit and Financial Times Germany. Main topics: EU, Europe (Spain, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and Austria, in particular), international finance and global economics, Energy, Environment and Climate, Aviation.
- Experience as a Brussels correspondent and as a Frankfurt correspondent who knows how to explain complex topics to a broad audience and who speaks several languages fluently.
- Multimedia storyteller who writes stories, takes pictures, videos and audios.

Experience

Economics Correspondent, Author for Der Spiegel, Hamburg

- Covering transport, Europe, energy, environment, global economy.

Economics Correspondent, Capital Magazine, Berlin (2017 to 2020)

- 2018: Deutscher Journalistenpreis (German Journalist Prize), category: global economy, for a story about China's One Belt and One Road project, together with co-authors Georg Fahrion and Volker Pabst.
- 2017: Medienpreis Luft- und Raumfahrt (Media Prize for Aviation and Aerospace) for a story about ticket pricing.

Economics Correspondent, Die Zeit / Zeit.de, Hamburg (2015 to 2016)

- Covering European and global economy, EU, finance, energy, environment, aviation.
- Created "Countdown für das Klima" ("countdown for the climate"), a 13 week-long series of articles about the UN climate conference in Paris.
- 2016: ERM Media Prize for Sustainable Development for "Countdown für das Klima" and nomination for the Hostwriter Prize for international collaborative journalism for a Chernobyl feature.

Contracted Author, Spiegel Online, Hamburg & Freelancer, Die Zeit (2013 to 2014)

- Covering European and global economy, EU, finance, energy, environment, creation of multimedia features (video, photo, audio, infographics, text).
- Created “Was wurde aus...?” (“What happened to...?”), a series of articles about persons/events/places/topics that once made headline news and have disappeared from the public radar in the last years. By now, the series consists of more than 120 articles.
- 2014: Nomination for the German-French Journalist Prize and one shortlist nomination for the German Journalist Prize.

Blogger, Total Global, www.total-global.info (2014 to present)

- Private blog about international economy, globalization and the EU.

Freelance International Correspondent, Capital, Berlin (2012 to 2014)

- Covering European & global economy, EU, energy, finance, aviation.
- 2014: State Street Prize for Financial Journalism for a sovereign wealth fund feature
- 2014: Two nominations for the German Journalist Prize

EU, NATO and BeNeLux Correspondent, Financial Times Germany, Brussels (2009 to 2012)

- Covering EU (euro crisis, foreign affairs, home affairs and migration, energy, environment, agriculture and fisheries, transport), NATO, Benelux countries, sovereign wealth funds.
- 2012: Karl Buchrucker Prize for social journalism.

Reporter, Financial Times Germany, Hamburg (2006 to 2009)

- Covering energy, international finance, European economy, sovereign wealth funds.
- 2009: Nomination for the German Journalist Prize.
- 2008: Regional Journalist Prize.

Finance Correspondent, FT Germany, Frankfurt (2005 to 2006)

- Covering international finance, energy, commodities, currencies, bonds, sovereign wealth funds.
- 2006: State Street Prize for Financial Journalism for a commodities feature.

Corporate Spokesperson, BMW, Munich (2004 to 2005)

- Spokesperson for motorsports (Formula BMW, Formula 1).
- Media trainer for F1 Driver Sebastian Vettel.

Multimedia Trainee, Deutsche Welle, International public German TV/Online/Radio broadcaster, Brussels/Berlin/Bonn (2003 to 2004)

- TV, Online and Radio journalism: features, news stories, op-eds.

Freelance Writer, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Zeit, Sport-Bild (1995 to 2005)

Education

Doctorate in Political Science

University of Muenster, Germany and Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium (2002)

Final grade: magna cum laude / with great honor (among the top 5 %)

PhD thesis: "Belgium's national conflict and the daily news media"

Master of Business Administration

University of Muenster, Germany (October 1998)

Final Grade: 1.8 (US Grade equivalent A-, among the top 3 %)

Language Skills

German (native), English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch (all fluent), Italian (good), Arabic (beginner)

Miscellaneous

Books: "Das politische System Belgiens" ("Belgium's political system"), "Unsere Zukunft ist jetzt" ("Our future is now") – a children's book about climate change

Computer Skills: Several Content Management Systems, Wordpress, MS-Office

Activities: Inline Skating, Trekking, Cycling, Mountain Climbing, Running, Piano, Debating

References

Editor-in-Chief T- Online.de: Florian Harms, Berlin.

Video reference at www.claushecking.com/referenzen/ (German)

Editor-in-Chief Manager Magazin: Sven-Oliver Clausen, Hamburg.

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