

## **Prof. Dr. Georg Bossong** (University of Zurich)

### Short CV

- Born 1948 in Rheinland-Pfalz/ Germany
- primary and secondary education in Kaiserslautern
- married (since 1971); 2 sons, 5 grand-children
- Study of German, Romance and Oriental languages (Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, Sanskrit, Chinese), and of general linguistics at the universities of Mainz, Tübingen, and Heidelberg; study of Spanish philology at the universities of Salamanca and Málaga
- Doctoral degree in 1976, *Habilitation* in 1977 (university of Heidelberg); double *venia legendi* in „Romance philology and general linguistics“
- Lecturer at the universities of Heidelberg, Paris-XIII and Tours 1975 to 1981
- Associate Professor of Romance linguistics at the university of Munich 1981 to 1989
- Regular visiting professor of Hispanic linguistics at the university of Innsbruck between 1982 and 1992
- Full professor of Romance linguistics at the university of Mannheim 1989 to 1994
- Full professor of Romance philology, especially Ibero-Romance linguistics, at the university of Zurich from 1994 until present
- Visiting professor at the universities of Paris, Murcia, Alicante, Ann Arbor, Urbana-Champaign, Bergamo, Leipzig, Ghent, Basel, Málaga, Santiago de Compostela, Santander, Palma de Mallorca, La Laguna, México D.F., Jerusalem (Hebrew University)

### Research areas:

- Linguistic typology and language universals research
- Comparative linguistics of the Romance languages
- Linguistic and cultural contacts between Spanish and the Semitic languages (medieval translations from Arabic to Spanish, Arabic and Hebrew literature in Medieval Spain, Judeospanish)
- Sociolinguistics and language policies in the Hispanic world
- Missionary linguistics
- Language and religion

### Publications:

- 13 books and 137 other publications (in German, French, English, Spanish, and Portuguese)
- founder and co-editor of two international series (Mouton Grammar Library and Empirical Approaches to Language Typology, ca. 110 volumes published)

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