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is Professor of Journalism at the University of Passau, Germany, since 2011. From 2006 until 2011, he served as Professor of Journalism and Vice-Dean of the Department of Media and Communication at BiTS University of Applied Sciences in Iserlohn, Germany, member of Laureate International Universities. Before, he was affiliated as a Research Fellow and a Postdoc (Assistant Professor) with the Centre for Advanced Study in International Journalism (Erich Brost Institute for Journalism in Europe) and the Institute for Journalism at Dortmund University of Technology, Germany (2003-2006), as well as a Visiting Professor with the Institute for Communication Science at Dresden University of Technology, Germany (2003-2004).



In addition to his academic career, he had worked before as a journalist with international media in Germany and France for many years, amongst others, with EuroNews TV, F.A.Z. Business Radio, as well as with news agencies such as AP and AFP.

Today, Hahn acts as a Visiting Professor at several universities and journalism schools in various countries (e.g. Algeria, Egypt, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Myanmar, Tunisia, and USA). His teaching languages are German, English and French. Furthermore, he provides scientific consultancy to European authorities of foreign cultural affairs, to the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and to the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (ifa) in Stuttgart (Germany) in charge of media dialogues with the Near and Middle East, the Arab and the Persian world.

Hahn is specialized in international comparative and collaborative research on journalism cultures and media systems. His main areas of research and teaching include: digitalization and media; cross- and transcultural, multilingual media; EU journalism, EU communication and European public sphere(s); foreign correspondents; public and media diplomacy; international media development assistance; media in transition; media in the Arab world and in South East Asia; conflict, crisis and war reporting; cyber-jihad; risk communication (e.g. media and climate change); as well as international protest communication of civil movements through traditional and social media.

Hahn is a member of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR; since 2016 he serves as a Co-Vice-Chair of IAMCR's Journalism Research and Education section, JRE), the International Communication Association (ICA), the World Journalism Education Council (WJEC), the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), the German Communication Association (DGPK), the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), the German, European and International Federation of Journalists (DJV, EFJ, IFJ) as well as of the Rotary Club.

Moreover, he is a member of editorial boards of many international scientific journals. He participates in several international research networks and projects with related scientific publication activities. He has published several peer-reviewed journal articles and cutting-edge books.

Hahn studied Romance Philology and Linguistics; Dramatics, Film and TV Studies; Communication Science; and Journalism Studies at the Universities of Bochum and Dortmund (Germany) as well as at the Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, France.