



Niels Annen

MP (Social Democratic Party of Germany)

MP Niels Annen is a foreign policy leader in the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). Since 2014, he serves as the spokesperson on foreign affairs of the SPD Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag, where he represents the electoral district Hamburg-Eimsbüttel. He is also a member of the SPD's executive committee.

MP Annen was first elected to the Bundestag in 2005, and was a member until 2009, before being re-elected in 2013. He currently is a permanent member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and a substitute member of the Committee on Economics and Energy. Mr. Annen also serves as deputy spokesperson of the Parliamentary Left, the largest political grouping within the SPD Parliamentary Group and acts as the chairperson of the SPD's Commission for International Politics, alongside the President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz. Between 2014 and 2015, he represented the SPD Parliamentary Group in the 'Commission on the Review and Safeguarding of Parliamentary Rights regarding Mandates for Bundeswehr Missions Abroad'.

Mr. Annen's main foci of interest are the Middle East, Transatlantic relations, China, Russia and Latin America. He also chairs the Bundestag's Parliamentarian Friendship Group for Relations with the States of South Asia. As an advocate for a stronger German role in international diplomacy, he supports multilateral engagement as a tool for resolving today's conflicts and crises, and protecting human rights.

From 2011 to 2013, Niels Annen was a researcher at the International Policy Analysis (IPA) unit of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) in Berlin. He was also a senior resident fellow with the German Marshall Fund in Washington, D.C. (2010 to 2011). Prior to his election to the Bundestag, he served as chairperson of the SPD youth organization (Young Social Democrats - Jusos).

MP Annen holds a BA in History and Spanish from the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and a Master of International Public Policy (MIPP) from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. He also studied History, Geography and Latin-American Studies at the Universität Hamburg and the Universidad of Complutense Madrid in Spain. Besides his mother tongue German, he speaks English and Spanish fluently.

Niels Annen holds several honorary offices, such as member of the Executive Board of the German Council on Foreign Relations (GCFR), member of the Advisory Council of the Atlantic Initiative, member of the SWP council (German Institute for International and Security Affairs) or member of the GIGA board of trustees (German Institute of Global and Area Studies).



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Born April 6th, 1973 in Hamburg

Education

- 2011 Master of International Public Policy, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., USA
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts, History and Spanish, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 1994 - 2001 Student of History, Geography and Latin-American studies, University of Hamburg

Professional Background

- 2011 - 2013 International Policy Analysis (IPA) Unit, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Berlin
- 2010 - 2011 Senior Resident Fellow, German Marshall Fund, Washington D.C., USA
- 2000 - 2002 Vice President of the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY), Vienna, Austria
- 1993 - 1994 Civil service at Regional Youth Council Hamburg (Landesjugendring Hamburg)

Political Positions

- Since 2014 Spokesman on Foreign Affairs of the SPD Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag
- Since 2014 Chairman of the Parliamentarian Friendship Group for Relations with the States of South Asia
- Since 2014 Chairman of the Commission on International Politics of the SPD (joint chair with Martin Schulz)
- Since 2014 Deputy Spokesman of the Parliamentary Left within the SPD Parliamentary Group
- 2014 - 2015 Member of the Commission on the Review and Safeguarding of Parliamentary Rights regarding Mandates for Bundeswehr Missions Abroad
- Since 2013 Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Substitute Member of the Committee on Economics and Energy
- 2005 - 2009 Deputy Spokesman of the Parliamentary Left within the SPD Parliamentary Group
- 2005 - 2009 Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Substitute Member of the Commission on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Since 2003 Member of the SPD Party Executive Committee
- 2001 - 2004 Chairman of the Federal Executive Board of the German Social Democratic youth organization (Jusos)

Honorary Offices (Selection)

- Since 2014 Executive Board Member of the German Council on Foreign Relations (GCFR)
- Since 2014 Advisory Council Member of the Atlantic Initiative
- Since 2014 Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)
- Since 2014 Member of the Atlantik-Brücke
- Since 2014 Member of the SWP council (German Institute for International and Security Affairs)
- Since 2014 Member of the GIGA board of trustees (German Institute of Global and Area Studies)