

Ernst Kerbusch - Biography:

Ernst Kerbusch served as International Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation from 1976 to 2008 and is now Senior Expert on International Politics. He began his career as the FES representative to Peru in the seventies. Afterwards, he was the Deputy Director of the International Division of FES from 1972-1976. Before coming to the FES, he was Assistant Professor at the University of Cologne's School for Electoral Research. He has also been a member of the Commission for International Relations of Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) since 1990. He has published widely on elections, electoral systems, and politics in Latin America, and is one of Germany's foremost experts on political party foundations and their role in democracy support. Ernst Kerbusch studied Economics, Political Science, and Sociology at the Universities of Cologne (Germany), Berlin, and London, and he completed graduate studies at Pennsylvania State University and at the University of Montevideo in Uruguay. He received his Ph.D in Political Science from Cologne University in 1971.