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Thomas Becker graduated in 1982, worked on psychiatric reform in Turin, Italy in 1982-1983 (doctoral thesis), subsequently worked in internal medicine and neurology, started his specialist training in psychiatry in 1987, qualified as psychiatrist in 1991, worked as senior medical staff and was appointed lecturer (1994) at the Department of Psychiatry of Wuerzburg University. His research was on neuroradiology findings in patients with psychotic disorders. In 1995, he moved to the Section of Community Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London (Humboldt Foundation scholarship) and was involved in mental health services research and European trials. From 1998 to 2002 he worked at the Department of Psychiatry of Leipzig University where he held a Public Health professorial appointment. He was appointed head of the Department of Psychiatry II of Ulm University (at the Bezirkskrankenhaus Guenzburg) in 2002. His research interest is in mental health services research, social psychiatry and public mental health.