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PETER BAUMGARTNER was born 1953 in Vienna, Austria and went to the University of Vienna, where he studied sociology and obtained his doctoral degree in 1980. After working for a couple of years as a freelance scientist and consultant for the Austrian Government and different universities he went as an assistant professor to the University of Klagenfurt. 1992 he wrote his habilitation thesis on "Background Knowledge – Groundwork for a Critique of Computational Reason" and published it (in German).

After several research leaves (1983: Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, 1989: Institute of Cognitive Studies at University of California in Berkeley, 1994: GMD, now Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft St. Augustin in Germany) and different positions as university professor (Muenster/Germany, Innsbruck/Austria) Peter Baumgartner is now full professor for Educational Technology at the FernUniversitaet in Hagen, the only distance teaching university in German speaking countries. He was director of the department "Educational Science and Media Research" at the faculty for "Cultural Studies and Social Sciences" 2003-2005. Currently he is on research leave (till May 2006).

Peter Baumgartner has just accepted a new professorship for Technology Enhanced Learning and Multimedia at Danube University Krems/Austria. He will start at DUK with 1st May 2006.

Since 1992 Peter Baumgartner has focused his research work on the relationship between technology and learning. During the last 13 years he has published 8 books and over 100 articles. You will

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