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Federal President of the Republic of Austria Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen

Born on 18 January 1944 in Vienna and raised in Tyrol.

Married to Mag.^a Doris Schmidauer.

Parents: Van der Bellen's mother is a native Estonian, and his father is a native Russian with Dutch ancestors. After repeatedly fleeing from the Soviets, his family found a new home in Austria, first in Vienna and then in Tyrol.

Political Career

- 26 January 2017** Inaugurated as Federal President of the Republic of Austria
- 4 December 2016** Elected Federal President of the Republic of Austria
- 2012–2015** Member of the Vienna State Parliament and the Vienna City Council
- 1994–2012** Member of the Austrian National Assembly
- 1999–2008** Chairman of the Greens' Parliamentary Group
- 1997–2008** Federal Spokesperson for the Austrian Greens

Professional Background

- 1980–2009** Full Professor of Economics at the University of Vienna
(1999–2008 statutory leave)
- 1990–1994** Deputy Dean and then Dean of the University of Vienna School of Social and Economic Sciences
- 1977–1980** Federal Academy of Public Administration in Vienna
- 1976–1980** Associate Professor at the University of Innsbruck
- 1968–1975** Research Assistant and then University Assistant at the University of Innsbruck Institute for Public Finance; post-doctoral lecturing qualification (Habilitation) in 1975
- 1972–1974** Research Fellow at the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

Education

- 1962–1970** Studied economics at the University of Innsbruck (diploma in 1966, doctorate in 1970)
- 1954–1962** Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck (secondary school)
- 1950–1954** Elementary school in Innsbruck

Honorary Functions and Awards (selection)

- 2010–2015** Honorary function as Commissioner of the City of Vienna for Universities and Research
- 2004** Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold with Star for Services to the Republic of Austria