

Thomas Rachel (MdB)

Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research

"As a Protestant Christian and Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Research, I see politics, and research policy in particular, as a wonderful opportunity to make change happen, but also as a very real responsibility."

Thomas Rachel



Personal Data

Thomas Rachel was born in Düren (North Rhine-Westphalia) in 1962, is Protestant, married and has one daughter.

Political Work

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| since Nov. 2005 | Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research |
| since 2003 | Federal Chairman of the CDU/CSU Protestant Working Group (EAK) |
| 2003 - 2005 | Spokesman for the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the <i>Bundestag's</i> Study Commission on "Law and Ethics of Modern Medicine" |
| since 2001 | Chairman of the CDU's Düren city branch |
| 1999 - 2002 | Deputy Chairman of the <i>Bundestag</i> Study Commission "Globalization of the World Economy" |
| 1998 - 2005 | Spokesman on Education and Research Policy of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group |

- since 1994** **Member of the German Bundestag
Constituency Düren**
- since 1991** Member of the CDU Executive Board of the *Land* of North Rhine-
Westphalia
- since 1989** Deputy Chairman of the CDU's Düren district branch

Education and Career

- 1992 - 2004** Member of staff at the Steel Trade Association, Düsseldorf
- 1992** Magister Artium (M.A.) in Political Science, History and Public
Law at the Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms University Bonn

Voluntary Work

- since 2007** Member of the editors' advisory group of the children cultural
magazine "KiKuMa"
- since 2006** Trustee of the Leo Baeck Foundation
- since 2006** Member of the Advisory Council of the Association of German-
Greek Associations
- since 2006** Senator of the Fraunhofer Society
- since 2006** Representative of the Federal Minister of Education and
Research at the Board of Governors of the German-Israeli
Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF)
- since 2004** Member of the "Chamber for Public Responsibility" of the
Protestant Church in Germany (EKD)
- since 2003** Deputy Member of the Synod of the Protestant Church in
Germany (EKD)
- since 2000** Member of the *Land* Synod of the Rhineland Protestant Church