

# Kerstin Griese

**HISTORIAN**

**Member of the German Bundestag  
Parliamentary State Secretary  
to the federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs**

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Born on 6 December 1966. M.A. in history and political science, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf.

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1987–2000: staff member of the Memorial Centre for the Victims of National Socialism in Düsseldorf. Publications on persecution and resistance, and psychiatry in Nazi Germany; German-Jewish history; and educational remembrance in memorial centres.

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Since 1986: member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD).

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1989–90: chairperson of the Heinrich Heine University's student council. 1990–92: president of the Heinrich Heine University's student parliament.

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1989–93: member of the federal executive committee of the Young Socialist student groups and the Young Socialists (Jusos). 1994–97: deputy chairwoman of the Lower Rhine district branch of the Young Socialists.

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1995–11 and since 2013: member of the SPD national executive committee. 1996–99: chairperson of the SPD's national committee on youth affairs. 2006–10: chairperson of the SPD's national committee on children and family affairs.

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Since 2003: member of the Synod of the protestant church "Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland" (EKD). 2001–16: substitute member of the Synod of the Rhineland Evangelical Church. Since 2015: member of the Council of the EKD.

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2000–09 and since 2010: member of the German Bundestag. Since 2000: member of the "Netzwerk Berlin" (the new SPD generation's reform network). 2001–02: spokesperson of the "Youngsters" in the SPD parliamentary group. 2002–09: chairwoman of the committee on family affairs, senior citizens, women and youth in the Bundestag. 2006–09 and 2011–18: special representative of the SPD parliamentary group on churches and religious communities. 2014–18: chairwoman of the committee on labour and social affairs. Since 2018: Parliamentary State Secretary of Labour and Social Affairs

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Since 2008: chairwoman of the Mettmann county branch of the SPD.

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Since 2008: spokeswoman for the working group on Christians in the SPD.

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2009–10: head of the social policy department of the Diakonisches Werk der EKD (the social welfare organisation of the protestant church).



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