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Eckart Otto is Ordinarius em. of the Ludwig Maximilians-Universität München and Honorary Professor of the University of Pretoria (South Africa). In 1973 and 1975 he got his doctor degree and Habilitation in Theology of the Old Testament at the Universität Hamburg. Since 1976-1986 he took part in excavations in Lebanon, Syria and Israel. From 1978-1979 he was Deputy Director of the German Archeological Institute in Jerusalem. From 1979-1985 he was Assoc. Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Archeology at the University of Hamburg, from 1985-1991 Full Professor of Hebrew Bible Studies at the Universität Osnabrück and from 1991-1996 Full Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Archeology in Mainz. In 1996 he got a call to the Ludwig Maximilians-Universität in Munich, where he retired as Dean of the faculty of Protestant Theology in 2009. Since 2009 he is regularly lecturing at the LMU, the Hochschule für Philosophie in Munich and at the University of Pretoria. In 1983 he was ordained as Pastor im Ehrenamt of the Lutheran Church. In 1996 he was elected a Corresp. Member of the Joachim-Jungius-Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften in Hamburg. In 2001 he became Honorary Professor of the University of Pretoria and 2002 Honorary Member of the Old Testament Society of Southern Africa. In 2007 he got the degree of an Hon. Doctor of Divinity of the University of Pretoria. In 2009 he became an elected Member of the Akademie gemeinnütziger Wissenschaften zu Erfurt and 2021 an Ordinary (Full) Member of the Europäische Akademie der Wissenschaften und Künste in Salzburg. In 2005 he published the first critical edition of Max Weber's „Ancient Judaism“ for the Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften in the Max Weber Gesamtausgabe (MWG). In 2012-2017 he published a four volumes commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy in the series Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Alten Testament.