Roswith Roth, Ph.D., University Professor ret.
Institute of Psychology, University of Graz
Universitaetsplatz 2/D, 8010 Graz, Austria
E-Mail: roswith.roth@uni-graz.at; roth.roswith@gmail.com
https://homepage.uni-graz.at/roswith.roth/

Prof. Dr. Roswith Roth graduated 1980 from the University of Graz (Austria) with a Ph.D., Major psychology, Minor education. In 1993 she received her postdoctoral degree (Habilitation in Psychology) and was promoted to University Associate Professor of Psychology at the Institute of Psychology at the University of Graz. 2004 she was awarded University professor by the Federal President of Austria. She holds licenses in Clinical and Health Psychology and Psychotherapy (Rogerian and Behavior Therapy).

Between 2000 and 2009 she was chair of the Health and Gender section at the Institute of Psychology and from 1993 to 1999 chair of the Interuniversity Coordination Center for Women Studies dealing with women issues at the University of Graz, the Technical University of Graz and the Medical University of Graz. Between 1994 and 2006 she was chair of the Committee on Equal Treatment at the University of Graz and from 2003 to 2006 chair of the ARGE Universitaetsfrauen (Consortium of University Women in Austria). In these roles she attended and observed the amendments of the University laws. She was also one of the initiators of lecture series dealing with women and gender at all faculties at the university and accompanied and supervised a career program the university provided for young female scientists.

Since 1994 she is representative of the International Council of Psychologists (ICP) at the UN in Vienna. At the UN she was chair of the Committee on the Family from 2010-2012, and since 2012 member in the Committee on the Status of Women. in 1997 she organized the Annual Convention of ICP in Graz, Austria, she served as president of ICP 2001. 1999 she has been a visiting professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in gender issues, 2003 Erasmus teacher in women issues at the University of Padua, Italy, and 2005 visiting professor at Hiroshima University, Japan, Faculty of Education.

As chair of the Curricula Committee at the University of Graz she introduced psychology of gender as compulsory lecture in the curriculum, she gave this lecture until her retirement from the University of Graz 2009. Her gender lecture was translated into Albanian and edited as textbook in Albania.

She is staff at the Interuniversity College for Health and Education in Seggau, Styria and is supervising doctoral students at the University of Graz and the Interuniversity College in Seggau. Since 2023 she is staff at the Interuniversity College for Health and Education in Neustift, South Tyrol. She also supervised dissertation theses at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus and Europa University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany.

Her research topics comprise several areas in health and gender combining behavior medicine and psychology, focusing on female health, eating disorders, chronic diseases, physiotherapy and ethics in these areas. One of her EU projects EQUOTE dealt with Gender Equality in Training and Employment for Health Professionsc (see homepage).

Her scientific research led to several awards:

- The Grand Medal of the Governor of Styria for her research accomplishments,
- The Best Science Award of the 7th Scientific Forum of Austrian Applied Universities,
- The Kaethe Leichter Award of the National Bank of Austria for women's Issues and
- The Francis Mullen Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Psychology.