

# SHORT BIO NOTE



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## Publications:

- *„Die Finanzierung der Regionen mit Sonderstatut“*, SVP (internal publication), Bozen 1988
- *„Mensch und Wirtschaft, Gesellschaft und Gewerkschaft in Südtirol - Eine aktuelle sozialkundliche Darstellung*, AFI-IPL Bozen 2000
- *„Josef Noldin – Ich will nicht Gnade, sondern Recht“* ATHESIA, Bozen, 1999
- *„Krieg im Himalaya – Hintergründe des Maoistenaufstandes in Nepal“*, LIT-Verlag, Berlin 2003
- *Il dramma del Kosovo*, Datanews, Rom 1998
- *„Armut in Südtirol – Eine sozialkundliche Darstellung“*, Caritas Bozen 2005
- *Il groviglio del Kashmir“*, Editori Frilli, Genua 2005
- *„Wir sind das Volk – Einführung in die direkte Demokratie“*, Initiative für mehr Demokratie, Bozen 2004
- *„Democrazia diretta – Più potere ai cittadini“*, edizioni SONDA, 2008
- *The world's working regional autonomies“*, ANTHEM Press London/New Delhi 2007
- *Autonomien der Welt*, ATHESIA, Bozen 2007

Several contributions to single volumes and anthologies (in English, German and Italian) as well as translations of textbooks (nonfiction and novels) from English and Italian into German.