

Biographical Summary

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Dr. Peter Walkenhorst is Program Director for Community Foundations in the Philanthropy and Foundations Division of the at the Bertelsmann Stiftung in Gütersloh, Germany. The Bertelsmann Stiftung is a private foundation committed to developing model solutions for societal problems and implementing these solutions in selected areas of society. The Philanthropy and Foundations Division seeks to contribute to the professionalization of philanthropy with regard to management quality and organizational effectiveness. It also works to promote innovative forms of philanthropy, especially community foundations. His current responsibilities include the coordination of the “Transatlantic Community Foundation Network” (TCFN), a program initiated by the Bertelsmann Foundation with support and advice of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. He served as a member of the Steering Committee of the Community Philanthropy Initiative (CPI) at the European Foundation Centre and a member the European Advisory Board of the “Transatlantic Community Foundation Fellowship Exchange Program” (TCFF). He was also Visiting Lecturer at the University of Bologna’s Master in International Studies in Philanthropy in 2006.

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