

Curriculum Vitae



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Professional positions

- 2003 DierkeHouben Leadership Partners, Managing Partner & Co-Founder, Engelberg/ Switzerland
INSEAD Global Leadership Centre, Member of Coaching Faculty, Fontainebleau/ France
World Economic Forum, Member of Coaching Faculty, Global Leadership Fellows, Geneva/ Switzerland
- 2000 Arthur D. Little Consulting, Senior Project Manager, Strategy & Organization, Zurich/ Switzerland
- 1998 Pixelpark Multimedia/ Bertelsmann, Project Manager, Consulting Unit, Berlin/ Germany
- 1996 Bertelsmann Foundation, Project Manager, Media Division, Guetersloh/ Germany

Professional degrees and diploma

INSEAD, Fontainebleau/ France, Psychodynamic Consulting and Coaching for Change (Int. Diploma)
Harvard University, Cambridge MA/ USA, The Art and Practice of Leadership
HEC Hautes Etudes Commerciales, Paris/ France, Consulting in Organisational Psychodynamics (M.S.)
Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, San Francisco/ USA, Mindful Leadership
The Coaches Training Institute, San Francisco/ USA, Co-Active Coaching
Koenigswieser & Network, Vienna/ Austria, Systemic Training Group

Anke Houben is a Top Management Coach on board level, Adjunct Professor of Leadership at the international HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, and Author. She is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of DierkeHouben Leadership Partners, a Premier Leadership Coaching and Development Boutique for C-suite leaders and top talents stepping up to highest leadership roles. Since 2003 she is Member of the Executive Coaching Faculty at INSEAD Global Leadership Centre and Executive Coach at the World Economic Forum. Together with Kai Dierke, she is author of the highly recognized book: "GEMEINSAME SPITZE. Wie Führung im Top-Team gelingt", Campus (Fully revised, English edition forthcoming in Autumn 2019: EXECUTIVE RIVALRY. How to build Great Leadership Teams where collaboration is hard). She is Columnist for DIE WELT and BILANZ and publishes regularly on Leadership in Top Management Teams in professional journals. She holds Memberships of international professional networks, such as the ISPSO International Society for the Psychoanalytic Study of Organizations, the ILA International Leadership Association, the ALN Adaptive Leadership Network at Harvard University and the INSEAD Coaches' Network.

Anke is a "panoramic" senior professional: In her work she draws from 20+ years of international business experience in management and strategy consulting as well as from profound expertise in executive coaching, organisational psychodynamics, and leadership practices. As an appreciative challenger (working in German and English), she enables her clients to create performance leaps by focusing on the underlying personal, interpersonal and systems dynamics that affect business results. Her clients in coaching and consultation on leadership, team performance and culture transformation are executives and teams on board level of Euro Stoxx 50/ Dax 30 companies, covering a broad range of sectors like financial services, telecommunications, technology, retail, transportation, consulting, and public sector.

Prior to her professional career, she earned a PhD (1996; summa cum laude) and a Masters degree (1990) in Social Sciences at Goettingen University/ Germany, focusing on International Relations and Comparative Sociology. In her PhD, she worked on Civilization & International Politics in the Middle East. She was Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Bassam Tibi (1990-92) and Lecturer at the Center for International Relations, Goettingen University (1991/94), Associate at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (1991), and Fellow at the American University in Cairo (1992-93).