

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Positions

- 2003 DierkeHouben Leadership Advisors, Founder + CEO, Engelberg/ Switzerland
INSEAD Global Leadership Centre, Member of Coaching Faculty, Fontainebleau/ France
Lecturer on Leadership at international HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management
- 2000 Arthur D. Little Consulting, Senior Manager, Strategy & Organization, Zurich/ Switzerland
- 1998 Pixelpark Multimedia/ Bertelsmann, Senior Manager, Consulting Unit, Berlin/ Germany
- 1996 Bertelsmann Foundation, Manager, Media Division, Guetersloh/ Germany

Philanthropic Engagement

Founder DierkeHouben Leadership Academy in Nairobi/ Kenya, partnering with Swiss NPO AIDUCATION

Professional Expertise (select)

GOLEMAN EI, Emotional Intelligence Coach (among 3 in DACH)
INSEAD, Fontainebleau/ France, Psychodynamic Consultant + Coach for Change/ Clinical Psychology
Harvard University, Cambridge MA/ USA, The Art and Practice of Adaptive Leadership
The CORE Leadership Institute, Harvard/ USA, Leading from Purpose
M.I.T. Sloan School of Management, Cambridge MA/ USA, The Neuroscience of Leadership
Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, San Francisco/ USA, Mindful Leadership
H.E.C. Hautes Etudes Commerciales, Paris/ France, Coach in Organisational Psychodynamics

Anke Houben is a Leadership Advisor on board level and Author – and she lectures Leadership at the international HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management. She is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of DierkeHouben Leadership Advisors, 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. Kai Dierke and Anke are authors of the highly recognized books: “Die 7 Mythen der Führung. Ein Neuanfang” (2021) and “Gemeinsame Spitze. Wie Führung im Top-Team gelingt” (2013), Campus. Since 2022, they run their own podcast on leadership with more than 10.000 followers: “Dierke & Houben. Der Führungs-Podcast”. She publishes regularly on Leadership in Top Management. 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 and a Masters degree in Social Sciences at Goettingen University/ Germany, focusing on International Relations, Sociology, International Law and Economics. In her PhD, she worked on International Politics in Middle East. She was Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Bassam Tibi and Lecturer at the Center for International Relations, Goettingen University, Associate at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, and Fellow at the American University in Cairo.