

Born in 1977  
Lives and works in Stuttgart, Germany

## EDUCATION

- 2017 - 2019      **UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART**  
Lecturer qualification for aesthetics, ethics and technological culture  
Department of Philosophy
- 2014 - 2016      **STATE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - STUTTGART**  
Postgraduate studies in form and material concepts including textile materials  
Department of Sculpture
- 2004 - 2007      **ROYAL ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - ANTWERP**  
Honorary diploma of art and design  
Department of Fashion Design

## WORK ACTIVITIES

- 2013 – current      **ATELIER CEM CAKO - STUTTGART**  
Atelier for new men's tailoring and design
- 2016      **CEM CAKO - DEBUT COLLECTION, MENSWEAR - PARIS**  
Exhibition: "Extended Situation I (Une Première)"  
Presentation at Palais de Tokyo - Paris Museum of Modern Art
- 2009 – 2013      **THRIVE L.A. – CREATIVE DIRECTOR, WOMENSWEAR - LOS ANGELES**  
Fashion house founded in the Silicon Valley by technology innovator Rob Meadows  
Thrive collections presented during New York and Paris Fashion Week
- 2007 – 2009      **TIM HAMILTON - ASSOCIATE DESIGNER, MENSWEAR - NEW YORK**  
Collections created in this period received the CFDA/Swarovski Award for men's fashion  
Reporting to Tim Hamilton
- 2007      **HELMUT LANG - JUNIOR DESIGNER, MENSWEAR - NEW YORK**  
Transferring the Helmut Lang archives to the company 'Link Theory Holdings Co.'  
Reporting to Helmut Lang
- 2004 – 2007      **DRIES VAN NOTEN – TRAINEE PROGRAM - ANTWERPEN**  
Assisting and fitting the show collection for the défilés in Paris  
Reporting to the creative team

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2019 – current      **RAFFLES MILANO ISTITUTO MODA E DESIGN - MILAN**  
Professorship in the area of future-oriented fashion design strategies in the context of  
craft, digitalization and sustainability  
Department of Fashion Design
- POLIMODA - FLORENCE**  
Visiting Professor in the area of vision and creative thinking systems  
Department of Fashion Design

**STEINER SCHOOL KRÄHERWALD - STUTTGART**

Technical teacher for handwork and bespoke tailoring  
Department of craft education in adolescence

2015

**HANNOVER UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND ARTS**

Designer Talk: "Experimental sculpture with body-fitted materials"  
Department of Design

2014

**STATE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS AND DESIGN - STUTTGART**

Symposium: "Experimental sculpture with body-fitted materials"  
Department of Sculpture

2013

**PFORZHEIM UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF DESIGN**

Designer Talk: "Textile development and experimental pattern making"  
Department of Design

2009

**OTAGO POLYTECHNIC - SCHOOL OF FASHION - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**

Guest lecturer in the area of innovation in textile design  
Teaching position as part of a designer-in-residence program  
Department of Fashion Design

AWARDS

2009

**EMERGING DESIGNER AWARD - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**

For the best interpretation of a men's fashion collection  
Offered by ID Dunedin Fashion Institute in Dunedin, New Zealand

2008

**MASTER OF LINEN AWARD - MILAN**

For the best interpretation of a garment realized in linen  
Offered by Centro Lino Italiano in Milan, Italy

**OTAGO POLYTECHNIC AWARD - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**

For showing innovation in the use of materials and methods  
Offered by Otago Polytechnic in Dunedin, New Zealand

**BEST UPCOMING BELGIUM FASHION DESIGNER AWARD - ANTWERP**

For the best interpretation of a collection in the spirit of belgian fashion design  
Offered by the Goethe-Institute in Brussels, Belgium

2007

**SHIRT AVENUE PRIZE - MILAN**

For the best interpretation of a men's shirt  
Offered by Consorzio Italiani Tessuti per Camiceria in Milan, Italy