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About

Melanie Sully was born in Bristol in South West England in 1949 coming from a Huguenot family of craftsmen who had settled in the region from France in the eighteenth century. She was the first in the family to go to university starting off in Nottingham in the East Midlands where she specialised in German politics and then going on to Leicester University for a course in European Studies. After moving to the West Midlands Melanie took a Doctorate at Keele University and lectured in Staffordshire in Political Science and History.

She first visited Vienna in 1970 as a tourist interested in music and afterwards decided to research Austrian politics writing for the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House and for Parliamentary Affairs. Books on Austrian political parties and elections followed as well as contemporary history. Melanie was also active in journalism as a radio correspondent for the Voice of America and penning articles for British and Austrian news media.

In 1988 Melanie became a visiting professor at the University of Innsbruck in political science and continued to take courses there until 1991 before taking up a position at Vienna University. This was followed by employment in the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs at the Diplomatic Academy where she stayed for almost twenty years.

After co-founding the Vienna-based Institute for Go-Governance with Dr Josef Mantl she led projects in the Black Sea Region supported by the International Department of the City of Vienna and the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Melanie visited most of the former states of the Soviet Union and started to learn Russian.

In addition Melanie became a consultant for the OSCE on parliamentarism, women in politics and public consultations. She gave evidence on parliamentary standards to a committee of the House of Commons in London. She was also a consultant for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on anti-corruption and women in political life.

More recently Melanie has lectured throughout Austria on the topic of the UK leaving the European Union and has participated in discussion events on television and radio in Austria, Switzerland and Germany. She is a regular contributor writing articles for Austrian newspapers on a wide range of issues concerned with democracy and parliaments as well as writing academic publications.

In the past Melanie has tried her hand at snow and ice climbing in the Cairngorms in Scotland and rock climbing in North Wales. Melanie's hobbies include pre-pandemic travel including trips to Antarctica, flying over the North Pole, visiting countries on the Equator and many others in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and South America. She has also returned to playing the piano and music, the original motivation for the first visit to Vienna.

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In German unless otherwise stated

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Article in the Wiener Zeitung on topics of Slavery, and Brexit etc in the UK <https://www.wienerzeitung.at/meinung/gastkommentare/2063516-Die-Sklaverei-der-Brexit-und-das-Virus.html>

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Article for Kurier on political crises in the UK <https://kurier.at/meinung/gastkommentar/grossbritannien-eine-krise-wie-frueher/401779184>

Selected Publications

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- *Continuity and Change In Austrian Socialism*, Columbia, New York, 1982
- *A Contemporary History of Austria*, Routledge London 1990
- *Haider Phenomenon*, Columbia, New York, 1997
- *The New Politics of Tony Blair*, Columbia, New York, 2000
- Editor and Contributor to *Out of Vienna* international organisations in Vienna (Diplomatic Academy), 2004.
- Editor and Contributor to *The Odessa Connection*
- Editor and Contributor to *Black Sea Calling*
- Editor and Contributor to *Anchors of Democracy: the Black Sea*
- Editor and Contributor to *The Culture of Governance*
- Editor and Contributor to *Governance and Dialogue: the Black Sea*

Chapters (selected):

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- "The Austrian Socialists", in *Austria: a Study in Modern Achievement* eds Sweeney/Weidenholzer, Gower, 1988
- "The 1983 Election", in *Elections in Western Democracies* ed. Pennimann, Duke, NY, 1988
- "Austria's Political System", in *Western Europe* 1989, Staniforth; London 1988
- "The Austrian Way?" in *The Austrian Party System*, eds Pelinka/Plasser, Boulder, 1989
- “Verfahrensweise für die Aufstellung von Parlamentsabgeordneten”, *Vorwahlen und Kandidatennominierung*, Neisser/Plasser, Signum 1992.
- “Constitutional Reform, Britain”, Festschrift, Manfred Welan, 2002
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- „Blair to Brown“, *Steirisches Jahrbuch für Politik*, 2008.
- “The British Electoral System”, *Demokratie im Umbruch*, ed. K. Poier, Böhlau, 2009
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- "The Austrian General Election", *Parliamentary Affairs*, Summer 1976
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- "Austria's Road to Europe", *The World Today*, Nov. 91
- "The NRW (election) in Austria", *Electoral Studies* 1991
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- "The Austrian Referendum 1994", *Electoral Studies*, March 1995
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- "The 1995 Austrian Election", *West European Politics*, nr. 3 1996
- “Beyond the Backlash” Austria's new govt, *The Washington Post*, 20.2. 2000
- “Is British devolution a step toward federalism?”, *Forum of Federations*, Canada, March 2001
- Portrait of Michael Häupl, *Financial Times*, 2001.
- “Politics in Carinthia”, *Forum of Federations*, Canada, 2002
- “Austrian Election of 2002”, *Forum of Federations*, Canada, nr. 1, 2003
- “Austrian State Elections”, *Forum of Federations*, Canada, 2004

“Austria and the EU Presidency”, *Forum of Federations*, Canada, 2006.
“Austria a country of active neutrality”, *DNK (Ukraine)* in Russian, 21/6 2006.
“Emigration and Europe”, *Odessa Regional Museum*, 2009 (in Russian)
“Das Schwarze Meer”, *Europäische Rundschau*, 1/2009
„The Black Sea Region“, *Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik*, Nov, 2009
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Research

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Parliaments and the Corona Crisis, see contribution <https://go-governance.com/300-democracy-and-the-pandemic.html> (English summary of contribution for www.mehrheitswahlrecht.at)

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Women in Politics, female representation at local level in Austria (in English for the OSCE) – pdf FILE EINFÜGEN