



Christian Ude
(SPD)

Christian Ude was born in Munich on October 26, 1947. He is married to photographer Edith von Welser-Ude. Ude received his baccalaureate at the Oskar-von-Miller Gymnasium in 1967, followed by traineeship and job with the editorial staff at the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. He later received a law degree and had a private legal practice from 1978 to 1990.

He published "Münchner Perspektiven" (Munich Perspectives) (1989), "Wege aus der Wohnungsnot" (Solutions to the Housing Shortage) (1990) and "Münchner Projekte" (Munich Projects) (1993). His book "Meine verfrühten Memoiren" (My Premature Memoirs) appeared in 1993, followed by his satirical "Chefsache" (Matters for the Boss) (1999), "Stadtradeln" (City Biking) (2001), the satirical "Ich baue ein Stadion" (I'm Building a Stadium) (2005) and, together with Edith von Welser-Ude, two books of photographs, "Open-Air-Galerie" and "Vom Zauber, mit Katzen zu Leben" (The Magic of Living with Cats).

He was elected Deputy Mayor of Munich on May 2, 1990. Ude has served as Mayor of Munich since September 12, 1993. He was reelected on June 13, 1999 with 61.2% of the votes, on March 3, 2002, with 64.5%, and on March 2, 2008, with 66.8%.

Ude heads municipal committees for urban planning and building regulations, culture, labor and business, human resources and organization. He also heads the City Planning Commission.

He is chairman of the supervisory boards of Stadtwerke München GmbH, Münchner Verkehrsgesellschaft (MVG), Wohnungsbaugesellschaften GWG and Gewofag as well as Olympiapark GmbH and Münchner Volkshochschule. He represents the city on the supervisory boards of the Munich Airport and Messe München (Munich Trade Fair) as well as on the official Munich committee competing for the Winter Olympic Games in 2018. He is chairman of Münchner Verkehrsverbundes MVV and heads the advisory board of Stadtparkasse München.

Since 1996, he has served as Deputy Chairman of the Bayerischen Städtetags (Bavarian Association of Cities). From 2005 to 2009, he was first President and subsequently Vice President of the German Association of Cities.

Ude is an honorary citizen of the island of Mykonos, Greece (since 2001) and the east Turkish city of Pülümür (since 2005). Since 2004, he has been guest professor at Nankai University in Tianjing, China. In addition, Ude was given the title of Consulting Professor by Tongji University in Shanghai in October 2009.

His goal: "Munich must remain the city with a special zest for life, an economically and culturally thriving city that preserves social peace, that is distinguished by tolerance and a cosmopolitan spirit, and that offers an attractive way of life."