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Christian Sievers is the anchor of *heute journal*, Germany's highest-rated TV news magazine.

He also regularly reports from the field, covering major stories for ZDF German TV including the war in Ukraine, developments in Israel and Gaza, and Donald Trump's presidency.

Until 2014, Christian was ZDF's Middle East bureau chief, based in Tel Aviv. He reported extensively on Israeli politics and society, the Palestinian push for statehood, two wars in Gaza, and the Syrian refugee crisis.

Since joining ZDF as a reporter in 1997, he has covered major international events, including the Balkan wars, the September 11 attacks in New York, and the aftermath of the tsunami in South Asia.

For many years, until 2009, he anchored ZDF's morning show, combining political interviews with human-interest stories. He also presented polling data and election results during the network's live coverage of federal and state elections as well as US presidential elections.

Christian's path into journalism began in his final year of high school, during an internship at Berlin radio station RIAS2. When the Berlin Wall fell, he suddenly found himself reporting on his country's journey towards reunification. He later joined SWF3, Germany's leading pop music radio program, as a presenter and editor.

In 1997, he spent a year as a visiting reporter at WTNH-TV, the ABC affiliate in New Haven, Connecticut.

Born in the German state of Hesse in 1969 and raised in Berlin, Christian studied law at universities in Berlin and Freiburg, graduating in 1995.

He is the author of several in-depth television documentaries and the bestselling book *Grauzonen* ("Grey Areas: Stories from the World Behind the Headlines").

Together with his *heute journal* colleagues and fellow anchor Bettina Schausten, he has twice received the German Television Award for outstanding political and news coverage.