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Valentin Sima, born 1953, grew up in the bilingual part of Carinthia. From 1971-1990, he pursued the study of economics and political sciences at the University of Vienna, completed with the academic degree of "Magister" by a work about the system of workers self-administration in Yugoslavia. In 1990, he achieved the degree of "Dr. rer. soc. oec." by a master thesis about Yugoslav capital investments (joint-ventures) in Carinthia in connection with the idea of strengthening the economic foundation of Slovenian minority in this country. Since 1980 Assistant, and since 1993 Assistant professor at the University of Klagenfurt, at the Department of History. Research interests focus on the situation of Slovene minority under Nazi rule, especially on Nazi persecution policy and deportations. Research also encompasses attitudes and the behavior of populations toward the Nazi regime, including resistance. Furthermore, research interests address ethnic conflict and continuities of German nationalist policy in Carinthia, politics of memory regarding German-Slavic Carinthian identity and veterans of World War Two.