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Thomas Klau teaches a course of European Studies at the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, an institute of higher learning preparing students for the entrance examination to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the course of his previous career in journalism, during which he chiefly covered European affairs and international politics, he worked for organisations such as Agence-France-Presse, Associated Press, European Voice, Börsen-Zeitung. In 2000, he helped conceive and launch the Financial Times Deutschland. He served as the newspaper's bureau chief in Brussels (2000-2005) and correspondent in Washington (2006-2007) and wrote a column for it until 2009.

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