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Born in 1961 in Karlsruhe, Germany, Carmen Leicht-Scholten studied Political Science, Sociology and Spanish with a special focus on equal opportunities at the Universities of Heidelberg, Aachen and Seville. She received her PhD in Political Science at the University of Hamburg in 1998 and subsequently worked for six years as a scientific consultant, focusing on gender in social politics and implementation strategies of gender concepts. Carmen Leicht-Scholten joined RWTH Aachen University as a Research Associate at the Department of Sociology in 2004, where she was assigned the coordination and scientific management of all mentoring programmes in 2005. In 2007 she was responsible for the development of the Gender and Diversity concept of RWTH Aachen in the framework of the German Excellence Initiative. Since 2007 she is member of the WIST II Group (Women in Science and Technology) of the European Commission. She is actively engaged in developing interdisciplinary and policy-relevant research on the retention of women for science and engineering studies as well as in developing concepts in these fields. Therefore in October 2007 she has been assigned Head of Department “Integration Team – Human Resources, Gender and Diversity Management” at RWTH Aachen University by the rector.