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General Information

Date of birth: 3 May 1971 in Sikuati, Sabah, Malaysia

Nationality: German

Marital status: not married, no children

📁 Employment

CVJM-Hochschule (YMCA University of Applied Sciences)

Professor International Social Work and Research Methods

Kassel (GER)

2014 – present

Director BA Program Human Development

2014 – 2020

CJD

Zentralbereich Theologie, Wertekommunikation und Persönlichkeitsbildung

Ebersbach

2021 – present

CJD Arnold-Dannenmann-Akademie

Director of Studies, Christlich-Pädagogisches Institut

Eppingen (GER)

2012 – 2013

Bohnen Kallmorgen & Partner

Associate Partner, Political Consultancy

Berlin (GER)

2011 – 2012

Fordham University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

New York, NY (USA)

2004 – 2011

Temple University

Dean's Appointment (Visiting Professor)

Philadelphia, PA (USA)

2002 – 2004

Indiana University

Associate Instructor

Bloomington, IN (USA)

1999 – 2002

Rennstich & Oest

Partner, Advertisement & PR

Hamburg (GER)

1991 – 1998

🎓 Education

Indiana University, PhD Political Science, Summa cum laude (GPA: 3.91)

Minor: International Business Management, Kelley School of Business

2003

Indiana University, ABD Political Science

2002

Indiana University, MA Political Science, Summa cum laude (GPA: 3.90)

2000

Publications

BOOKS

Rennstich, J. K. (2008). *The making of a digital world: The evolution of technological change and how it shaped our world*. Palgrave Macmillan. <https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230611061>

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Rennstich, J. K. (2019). Creative online collaboration: a special challenge for co-creation. *Education and Information Technologies*, 24(2), 1835–1836. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10639-019-09875-6>

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Rennstich, J. K. (with C. Köber and R. Weihofen). (2017). Echoes of the past: the relation of redemption and contamination in Congolese narratives to social distant attitudes towards Europeans. *Imagination, Cognition, and Personality*, 37(2), 224–243. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0276236617731734>

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Rennstich, J. K. (2002). The new economy, the leadership long cycle, and the nineteenth K-Wave. *Review of International Political Economy*, 9(1), 150–182. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290110101135>

BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Rennstich, J. K. (2021). Digitalkompetenz für Soziale Berufe: Der Einfluss der digitalen Informatisierung auf Lehre und Ausbildungsprofile. In T. Damberger, I. Schell-Kiehl, & J. Wahl (Hrsg.), *Pädagogik, Soziale Arbeit und Digitalität*. Beltz Juventa.

Rennstich, J. K. (2019). The world system in the information age: Structure, processes, and technologies. In R. Marlin-Bennett (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.431>

Rennstich, J. K. (2019). Evolutionary systems theory: Concepts and schools in international relations. In R. Marlin-Bennett (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.391>

Rennstich, J. K. (2017). Multilevel governance as a global governance challenge: assumptions, methods, shortcomings and future directions. In W. R. Thompson (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.558>

Rennstich, J. K. (2017). E-Prüfungen. In J. Gerick, A. Sommer, & G. Zimmerman (Eds.), *Kompetent Prüfungen gestalten: 50 Prüfungsformate für die Hochschullehre* (pp. 67–70). UTB (Waxmann).

Rennstich, J. K. (2010). World system in the information age. In R. A. Denemark (Ed.), *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. Wiley-Blackwell. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.431>

Rennstich, J. K. (2010). Evolutionary systems theory. In R. A. Denemark (Ed.), *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. Wiley-Blackwell. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.391>

Rennstich, J. K. (2007). Is globalization self-organizing? In G. Modelski, T. Devezas, & W. R. Thompson (Eds.), *Globalization as evolutionary process: Modeling, simulating, and forecasting global change* (pp. 87–107). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203937297-15>

Rennstich, J. K. (2005). Three steps in the globalization of the international system: Global networks from 1000 BCE to 2053 CE. In B. K. Gills & W. R. Thompson (Eds.), *Globalization and Global History* (pp. 203–231). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203799475>

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Rennstich, J. K. (2021). Neue Tricks für alte Hunde? Informatisierung und Digitalisierung als Herausforderung in Lehrvermittlung und Forschung. In M. Wunder (Hrsg.), *Digitalisierung und Soziale Arbeit – Transformationen, Beharrungen, Herausforderungen*. Klinkhardt-Verlag.

Rennstich, J. K. (2018). Globale Dimensionen der gegenwärtigen Migrationsbewegungen. In B. Dümling, K. Löchelt, & G. Zimmerman (Eds.), *Christliche Jugendarbeit in der Migrationsgesellschaft. Begegnungen mit kultureller und religiöser Vielfalt* (Vol. 3, pp. 27–49). Neukirchener.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017). Islamismus als politisch-soziologisches Phänomen. In J.-F. Bruckermann & K. Jung (Eds.), *Islamismus in der Schule. Handlungsoptionen für Pädagoginnen und Pädagogen* (pp. 11–29). Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. <https://doi.org/10.13109/9783666702266.11>

Rennstich, J. K., & Rennstich, K. W. (2017). Korruption im Spiegel der Weltreligionen: Entwicklungspolitische Bedeutung eines moralisch-theologischen Urproblems. In S. Jung, S. Friedrichs, & A. Armbruster (Eds.), *Antikorruption und Leadership* (pp. 179–196). Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. <https://doi.org/10.14220/9783737006835.179>

Rennstich, J. K. (2005). The future of hegemony and global system leadership. In M. Herkenrath, C. König, H. Scholtz, & T. Volken (Eds.), *The future of world society* (pp. 53–79). Intelligent.

Rennstich, J. K. (2005). Podcasting. In A. Hohenstein & K. Wilbers (Eds.), *Handbuch E-Learning. Expertenwissen aus Wissenschaft und Praxis. Strategien - Instrumente - Fallstudien* (pp. 2002–2016). Fachverlag Deutscher Wirtschaftsdienst.

Rennstich, J. K. (2004). The Phoenix-cycle: global leadership transition in a long-wave perspective. In T. E. Reifer (Ed.), *Globalization, hegemony and power: antisystemic movements and the global system* (pp. 35–53). Paradigm.

Rennstich, J. K. (2003). The future of great power rivalries. In W. A. Dunaway (Ed.), *Emerging issues in the 21st century world-system: new theoretical directions for the 21st century world-system* (Vol. 2, pp. 143–161). Praeger.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (RECENT)

Rennstich, J. K., & Mittmann, M. (2021, Mai 6). *Keynote 1: Soziale Arbeit und Digitalisierung—Eine kurze Geschichte* [Keynote address]. Klinische Sozialarbeit: Facetten der Digitalisierung in der Klinischen Sozialarbeit, Hochschule Nordhausen, Nordhausen.

Rennstich, J. K. with Bauer, G., Höffler, J., Breznau, N., Gereke, J., Rahal, R.-M., & Soiné, H. (2021, April 30). *Workshop 1: Teaching Replication* [Workshop]. Conference Open Science and Replicability in the Behavioural and Social Sciences, MethodenKompetenzZentrum, Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Chemnitz University of Technology, Chemnitz.

Rennstich, J. K. with Höffler, J., Breznau, N., Bauer, G., Gereke, J., Rahal, R.-M., & Soiné, H. (2021, February 9). *Workshop: Teaching Replication in the Social Sciences* [Workshop]. Virtual Unconference on Open Scholarship Practices in Education Research.

Rennstich, J. K. (2020, October 23). *Neue Tricks für alte Hunde? Informatisierung und Digitalisierung als Herausforderung des notwendigen Kompetenzspektrums in Lehrvermittlung und Forschung* [Paper presentation]. Fachkonferenz - Digitalisierung und Soziale Arbeit: Transformationen, Beharrungen und Herausforderungen, 22 – 23. October, FernUni Hagen, Hagen, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2020, July 20). *Digitalisierung als Transformation der Sozialen Arbeit* [Invited Talk]. Katholische Hochschule für Sozialwesen Berlin (KHSB), Berlin, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2020, April 24). *Synthetic datasets for replication and teaching purposes* [Presentation]. Workshop “Teaching Replication”, Mannheimer Zentrum für europäische Sozialforschung (MZES), Mannheim, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2019, December 10). *Peer-Review als Methodik in der Lehre: Vorstellung einer Implementierung in Moodle* [Workshop presentation]. 4. Tag der Hochschullehre, CVJM-Hochschule, Kassel, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2019, September 12-14). *A global metamorphosis? A theory of evolution of a digital capitalism* [Paper presentation]. MVE Tagung Darwinische Evolutionswissenschaften und Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften - Streiten sie noch? Oder lernen sie schon (voneinander)?, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2019, September 2). *Der Einfluss der Digitalisierung auf Lehre und Ausbildungsprofile in der Sozialen Arbeit: Digitalkompetenz und Data Literacy als notwendige professionelle Kompetenzen für Soziale Arbeit* [Paper presentation]. Workshop „Fachliche Praxis unter den Bedingungen von Digitalisierung - Zur Frage digitaler Transformation in Gesundheit, Pflege und Sozialer Arbeit“, Fachhochschule Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2019, April 26-27). *Digitalkompetenz und Data Literacy als professionelle Kompetenzen für Soziale Arbeit im Zeitalter des digitalen Kapitalismus: Der Einfluss der Digitalisierung auf Lehre und Ausbildungsprofile in der Sozialen Arbeit* [Paper presentation]. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziale Arbeit (DGSA), Stuttgart, Germany. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/ybf2q>

Rennstich, J. K. (2018, December 11). *E-Learning an der CVJM-Hochschule — Chancen und Grenzen der Lernplattform Moodle* [Workshop presentation]. 3. Tag der Hochschullehre, CVJM-Hochschule, Kassel, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2018, December 6). *Sozialraum im Wandel: Folgen der Digitalisierung für Kernakteure des Sozial- und Gesundheitswesens und mögliche Antworten aus Hochschulsicht* [Invited Talk]. Katholische Hochschule Freiburg, Freiburg (Breisgau), Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2018, October 29). *Sozialkapital im Sozialraum: Netzwerkanalyse als empirische Methode der Sozialen Arbeit* [Invited Talk]. Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Reutlingen, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2018, April 4-7). *A digital culture? Postindustrialism, values, and digital fitness* [Paper presentation]. 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, CA.

Rennstich, J. K. (2018, February 20-23). *Blended Learning - Theorie und Praxis, mit Best Practice Beispielen. Hochschuldidaktische Fortbildung* [Workshop]. Freikirchliche Dozierendentagung Elstal/Berlin, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017, December 4-6). *The Shift towards a Digital Culture? Postindustrialism, values, and digital fitness* [Paper presentation]. IPSA International Conference “Political Science in the Digital Age”, Hannover, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017, February 22-25). *Multilevel Global Governance: Assumptions, methods, Shortcomings and Future Directions* [Paper presentation]. 58th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017, February 22-25). *Nomads of the land and sea: Stateless challengers and the evolution of global governance* [Paper presentation]. 58th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

Rennstich, J. K. (2016, March 12). *People on the move: Globale Migrationsbewegungen, lokale Auswirkungen* [Invited talk]. 9. Studientag Gesellschaftstransformation, MBS, Evangeliumshalle Marburg, Marburg, Germany.

Rennstich, J. K. (2016, February 19-20). *Creative online collaboration: Caveats and learnings* [Poster presentation]. Think CROSS - Change MEDIA 2016 Conference, Hochschule Magdeburg-Stendal, Germany. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.25732.73601>

Rennstich, J. K. (2014, June 29-July 5). *A Global online program? Learnings from the establishment and implementation of an online-based blended learning Bachelor program* [Invited talk]. 18th World Council, World YMCA, Estes Park, CO.

Training, Workshops & Qualifications

OLC course: Designing Courses with a Multimodal Approach Online, 20–26 April	2020
Ninth Annual JAGS and WinBUGS Workshop Bayesian Modeling for Cognitive Science Amsterdam, 26–30 August	2019
Bayesian Hypothesis Testing in JASP Workshop Amsterdam, 22–23 August	2019
BEHAVE ABM Summer School, Agent-based Modelling for Social Scientists, Brescia, 3–7 September	2018
Rechtliche Aspekte internationaler Kooperation, Internationale DAAD-Akademie (iDA), Bonn, 20–21 March	2018
Individual- and Agent-Based Modeling: Analysis, Application and Publication of IBM TU Dresden (Holzhau), 20–28 July	2017
Global School in Empirical Research Methods (GSERM). Network Analysis; Bayesian Data Analysis. St. Gallen, 13–24 June	2016
GESIS 2nd Computational Social Science Winter Symposium (CSSWS15), Cologne, 2–3 December	2015

Grants, Honors & Awards

RESEARCH GRANTS

Research Grant Erasmus+ Project “OnCreate” (2014–1-DE01-KA203–000706). Cooperation project for innovation and the exchange of good practices. Research Consortium Partner. EUR 44,390.00 (grant funding sum: EUR 447,508.00)	2014 – 2017
Fordham Faculty Fellowship (Research Semester Fall 2007)	2007

Deans' Initiative for Development of Service Learning Courses, Fordham University	2007
Fordham Faculty Research Grant / Fordham Faculty Challenge Grant	2006
Travel Grants (conferences), Indiana University	1999 – 2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

Special Award, Hessischer Hochschulpreis für Exzellenz in der Lehre (Award for Hessian Universities for Excellence in Teaching), for the project “E-Portfolio Leistungsnachweis als Teil von Online- und Face-to-Face-Lehrangeboten” (E-Portfolios as an Assessment Tool for Online and Face-to-Face Courses)	2020
Nomination for Helen Dwight Reid Award, awarded annually by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in the field of international relations, law, and politics	2005
Katherine C. Greenough Dissertation Award for the best dissertation completed in the Political Science Department, Indiana University, in the 2003 calendar year	2004
Nomination for the Virginia M. Walsh Dissertation Award, granted by the Science, Technology and Environmental Politics Section of the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in science, technology and environmental politics completed in 2002 or 2003	2004
John P. Lovell Award (Outstanding Graduate Student in International Relations), Indiana U. Full-year dissertation fellowship, Indiana University	2002
Indiana University Department of Political Science, Associate Instructor of the Year Award for 2000, for recognition of teaching excellence and commitment to students	2001

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT

IU: *Indiana University*; TU: *Temple University*; FU: *Fordham University*; CV: *CVJM-Hochschule*

Campus, Face-to-Face (since 2000)

Course Title	School	Language
International Political Economy	IU, TU, FU	EN
Intellectual History	TU	EN
Introduction to International Relations	TU, FU	EN
War and Peace	TU, FU	EN
International Relations & Terrorism	FU	EN
Service Learning (Honors)	FU	EN
Globalization Seminar (Honors)	FU	EN
Immigration (Honors)	FU	EN
Service Learning	FU	EN
Global Governance (Service Learning)	FU	EN
European Union	FU	EN
Understanding the Global Economy	FU	EN
Seminar - Globalization (Senior)	FU	EN
Media & Politics	FU	EN

Course Title	School	Language
Analysis of International Politics (MA)	FU	EN
Intellectual History	FU	EN
Human Development and Social Responsibility	CV	EN
Cross-cultural Competence	CV	EN
Resource-focused, Outcome-oriented		
Team Development	CV	EN
Rhetoric, Moderation & Facilitation	CV	EN
Identity and Culture – Cultural Identity	CV	EN
Einführung in das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten	CV	DE
Einführung in die empirische Forschung der Sozialen Arbeit	CV	DE
Einführung in die qualitativen Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung für soziale Berufe	CV	DE
Einführung in die quantitativen Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung für soziale Berufe	CV	DE
Europäische und internationale Organisationen der Sozialen Arbeit	CV	DE

Online (since 2014)

Course Title	School	Language
Theological Anthropology	CV	EN
Philosophical Anthropology	CV	EN
Research & Social Transformation	CV	EN
Needs & Impact Assessments / Research Design	CV	EN
World Economics, Ethics & Globalization	CV	EN
Intercultural Philosophy	CV	EN
Inter-religious Dialogue	CV	EN
Basics of Neuro-Leadership	CV	EN
Introduction into Management & Organizational Studies	CV	EN
Strategy Development in Organizations and Networks	CV	EN
Project Management	CV	EN
Knowledge Management & IT, QM & Assessment	CV	EN
Resource Management	CV	EN
Micro-Financing & Financial Development	CV	EN
Law and its Manifestations	CV	EN
Human Rights	CV	EN
Politics & History in a Global Perspective	CV	EN
Social Economics: The role of Civil Society & the Third Sector	CV	EN
Citizenship Education: From Subject to Citizen (S2C)	CV	EN
Climate Change, Justice and Poverty	CV	EN
Concepts of Friendly Energy	CV	EN
Entrepreneurship & Youth Empowerment	CV	EN
Academic Writing Skills	CV	EN

Course Title	School	Language
Einführung in das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten	CV	DE
Empirische Forschung in der Sozialen Arbeit (MA)	CV	DE
Einführung in die empirische Forschung der Sozialen Arbeit	CV	DE
Einführung in die qualitativen Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung für soziale Berufe	CV	DE
Einführung in die quantitativen Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung für soziale Berufe	CV	DE
Europäische und internationale Organisationen der Sozialen Arbeit	CV	DE

SERVICE LEARNING

Service-learning courses (including development of new courses)	2004 – 2011
Service-learning supervision of students (add-on to courses)	2007 – 2011

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Development of blended learning/online learning-based new pedagogical tools (incl. e-portfolios, use of smart boards, mind-mapping, screencasts, podcasting, interactive learning modules, etc.)	2000 – present
Interdisciplinary integration of courses, including outside presentations, case development, and academic student conference	2008 – present
iStudyCases: Production of multimedia segments with focus on specific issues for use in IR courses; conduct of video interviews during summer of 2006	2006 – 2011
Redevelopment of courses based on Competency Assessment in Distributed Education (CADE) principles	2006 – present
Film series–War and Peace (screening and discussions)	2005 – 2010
Development of learning modules based on online learning platforms (e.g., Blackboard, Moodle), extensive use of wide range of available tools within online learning platforms in all courses	2003 – present

Service to the Profession

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziale Arbeit (DGSA); International Coalition of YMCA Universities;
International Studies Association (ISA), member of IPE section; American Political Science
Association (APSA), member of International History and Politics section

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Founding member of DGSA Fachgruppe Soziale Arbeit und Digitalisierung (DGSA Section Social Work and Digitalization)	2020 – present
IITZ-Beirat, Internationale Technische Zusammenarbeit im Studiengang Interdisziplinäre Ingenieurwissenschaft, Hochschule RheinMain University of Applied Sciences Wiesbaden Rüsselsheim	2015 – present
AK weltweit, CVJM Deutschland (German YMCA)	2014 – present

German Representative, International Coalition of YMCA Universities	2014 – present
Editorial Board, Journal of the International Coalition of YMCA Universities	2017 – present
Founding Member, Board, Center for International Policy Studies (CIPS)	2009 – 2011
ISA IPE-section newsletter-editor, member of IPE-section board	2008 – 2011
ISA IPE-section project coordinator “Digital Speakers”	2006 – 2007
Chair, World Historical Systems (WHS) ISA IPE-subsection	2005 – 2011
Reviewer for book manuscripts, journal submissions	2004 – present
Consulting for Fordham IT (teaching and research technologies)	2004 – 2011
Editor of Fordham Department of Political Science homepage	2004 – 2008
Vice-Chair, World Historical Systems (WHS) ISA IPE-subsection	2003 – 2005
Founder and co-director (with William R. Thompson), Center for the Study of Long-term Change in World History, and editor of longtermchange.org	2001 – 2008

COMMUNITY (SELECTED)

Workshop “Blended Learning: Opportunities & Challenges”	
Theologische Implikationen der Digitalisierung, Theologische Hochschule Elstal	2018
Program Development and project evaluation Signs of Hope, CVJM Deutschland YMCA Kenya (since Sep)	2017
Strategic program review and evaluation, Partnership CVJM Baden and YMCA Kenya (May-Sep)	2015
Strategic program review and evaluation, International Programs, YMCA Germany (Jun-Oct)	2015
Program evaluation, YMCA Germany participation at “World YMCA Change Agents Program”	2014
Project evaluation of Signs of Hope (YMCA Germany) Project “Children in Crisis (CIC) Programme” with YMCA Bangalore, India	2014
President, German-Ev. Lutheran Church of St. Paul, New York, NY	2005 – 2011
Participation in university and community group organized panels and round-table discussions	2001 – present

Skills

Languages German (native); English (near-native)

Methodology Advanced statistical analysis (R, JASP), basic agent-based modeling (NetLogo), basic social-network analysis (R)

Digital Literacy Podcasting, video-production, interactive LMS-learning modules, Moodle expert, decades-long experience in multimedia-mediated learning and blended-learning environments

IT Highly advanced IT skills (software/hardware, cloud-computing), advanced web-design skills, L^AT_EX, [Markdown](#)

References

Available upon request.