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## General Information

Date of birth: 3 May 1971 ([Sikuati, Sabah, Malaysia](#))

Nationality: German

Marital status: not married, no children

## Employment

<i>CVJM-Hochschule (YMCA University of Applied Sciences)</i> Professor International Social Work and Research Methods Director BA Program Human Development Kassel (GER)	2014–present
<i>CJD Arnold-Dannenmann-Akademie</i> Director of Studies, Christlich-Pädagogisches Institut Eppingen (GER)	2012–2013
<i>Bohnen Kallmorgen &amp; Partner</i> Associate Partner, Political Consultancy Berlin (GER)	2011–2012
<i>Fordham University</i> Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science New York, NY (USA)	2004–2011
<i>Temple University</i> Dean's Appointment (Visiting Professor) Philadelphia, PA (USA)	2002–2004
<i>Indiana University</i> Associate Instructor Bloomington, IN (USA)	1999–2002
<i>Rennstich &amp; Oest</i> Partner, Advertisement & PR Hamburg (GER)	1991–1998

## Education

<i>Indiana University</i> , PhD Political Science, Summa cum laude (GPA: 3.91) Minor: International Business Management, Kelley School of Business	2003
<i>Indiana University</i> , ABD Political Science	2002
<i>Indiana University</i> , MA Political Science, Summa cum laude (GPA: 3.90)	2000
<i>Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen</i> , Dipl. Sozialwirt	1998

## Publications

### Books

Rennstich, J. K. (2008). *The Making of a Digital World: The Evolution of Technological Change and How It Shaped Our World*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

## Journal Articles

- Rennstich, J. K. (with Christin Köber and Ruth 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. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.1177/0276236617731734>
- Rennstich, J. K. (2005). Chaos or ReOrder? The Future of Hegemony in a World-System in Upheaval. *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 11(2), 209–238. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5195/jwsr.2005.390>
- 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. <http://doi.org/10.1080/09692290110101135>

## Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- Rennstich, J. K. (forthcoming). The world system in the information age: structure, processes, and technologies. In R. Marlin-Bennett (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Rennstich, J. K. (forthcoming). Evolutionary systems theory: concepts and schools in international relations. In R. Marlin-Bennett (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 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: Oxford University Press. <http://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). Stuttgart: UTB (Waxmann), 67–70.
- Rennstich, J. K. (2010). World system in the information age. In R. A. Denemark (Ed.), *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. Oxford: 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*. Oxford: 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. 88–108). London: Routledge.
- 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). London: Routledge.

## Book Chapters

- 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). Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener.
- Rennstich, J. K. (2017). Islamismus als politisch-soziologisches Phänomen. In J.-F. Bruckermann & K. Jung (Eds.), *Handbuch Islamismus und Schule* (pp. 11–29). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
- 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). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
- 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). Zurich: Intelligent.
- Rennstich, J. K. (2005). Podcasting. In A. Hohenstein & K. Wilbers (Eds.), *Handbuch E-Learning. Expertenwissen aus Wissenschaft und Praxis. Strategien - Instrumente - Fallstudien* (p. 2002ff (wird laufend ergänzt)). Köln: Fachverlag Deutscher Wirtschaftsdienst.

Rennstich, J. K. (2004). The Phoenix-cycle: global leadership transition in a long-wave perspective. In T. E. Reifer (Ed.), [*Hegemony, globalization and antisystemic movements*](<https://www.crcpress.com/Globalization-Hegemony-and-Power-Antisystemic-Movements-and-the-Global/Reifer/p/book/9781594510274>) (pp. 35–53). Boulder, CO: 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). Westport, CT: Praeger.

#### *Conference Presentations (recent)*

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

Rennstich, J. K. (2018). Blended Learning - Theorie und Praxis, mit Best Practice Beispielen. Hochschuldidaktische Fortbildung. One day Workshop held at Freikirchliche Dozierendentagung Elstal, 20.-23. Februar, Elstal/Berlin.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017). The Shift towards a Digital Culture? Postindustrialism, Values, and Digital Fitness. Paper Prepared for Presentation at IPSA International Conference “Political Science in the Digital Age”, Hannover, Germany, Dec 4–6.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017). Multilevel Global Governance: Assumptions, Methods, Shortcomings and Future Directions. Paper presented at 58th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22–25.

Rennstich, J. K. (2017). Nomads of the Land and Sea: Stateless Challengers and the Evolution of Global Governance. Paper presented at 58th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22–25.

Rennstich, J. K. (2016). People on the move: Globale Migrationsbewegungen, lokale Auswirkungen. Talk presented at the 9. Studenttag Gesellschaftstransformation, MBS, Evangeliumshalle Marburg, Marburg, March 12.

Rennstich, J. K. (2016). Creative online collaboration: caveats and learnings. Presented at the Think CROSS - Change MEDIA 2016 Conference, Hochschule Magdeburg-Stendal, 19–20 Feb.

Rennstich, J. K. (2014). A Global Online Program? Learnings from the Establishment and Implementation of an Online-based Blended Learning Bachelor Program. Conference Presentation presented at the 18th World Council, World YMCA, Estes Park, CO, June 29–July 5.

#### *Workshops*

Rechtliche Aspekte internationaler Kooperation, Internationale DAAD-Akademie (iDA), Bonn, 20–21 März 2018

Individual- and Agent-Based Modeling: Analysis, Application and Publication of IBM TU Dresden (Holzhau), July 20–28. 2017

Global School in Empirical Research Methods (GSERM). Network Analysis; Bayesian Data Analysis. St. Gallen, June 13–24. 2016

GESIS 2nd Computational Social Science Winter Symposium (CSSWS15), Cologne, December 2–3. 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

### *Honors and Awards*

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 ([full listing online](#))*

**Methods** Quantitative Research Methods; Qualitative Research Methods; Academic Writing; Knowledge Management, Quality Management and Assessment; Project Management  
**IR/Comparative** Introduction to International Relations (IR); Theories of IR; Global Governance; Politics of the European Union (EU)  
**IPE/Policy** Globalization; International Political Economy; Understanding the Global Economy; Developmental Studies; Climate Change; Social Economics; Entrepreneurship Development  
**Security** War and Peace; Security Studies; International Law; Human Rights  
**Other** Intellectual History; Intercultural Philosophy; Inter-religious Dialogue

### *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. use of smart boards, mind-mapping, screencasts, podcasting, interactive 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*

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*

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, <a href="#">International Coalition of YMCA Universities</a>	2014–present
Editorial Board, <a href="#">Journal of the International Coalition of YMCA Universities</a>	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 <a href="#">longtermchange.org</a>	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 Germany) 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, Stata, Excel), basic modeling and simulation (NetLogo), basic social-network analysis (R)

**Media** Highly advanced podcasting production skills, multiple consultation engagements, advanced media production skills for educational use

**Presentation** Highly advanced media/multimedia production and presentation skills

**IT** Highly advanced IT skills (software/hardware, cloud-computing), advanced web-design skills,  $\LaTeX$ , Markdown

## References

Available upon request.