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Present Positions:

- Since 1994 Full Professor and Chair of Environmental Sociology and Technology Assessment of Stuttgart University (Germany).
- Since 2005 Director of the non-profit company DIALOGIK, a research institute for investigating communication and participation processes in environmental policy making.
- Since 2008 Adjunct professor for “integrated risk analysis” at Stavanger University (Norway).
- Since 2009 Affiliate professorship at Beijing Normal University
- Since 2016 Chair and coordinator of the Kopernikus Research Consortium: Systems Integration and Coupling of Energy Systems (E-Navi)
- Since 2016 Scientific Director at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam

Professional Career

- 1970-1978 University education in sociology, economics, and journalism (German diploma)
- 1980 Ph.D. in Social Psychology (Dr. rer. pol.) (summa cum laude)
- 1978-1986 Social Scientist at the Federal Research Center Juelich (Germany)
- 1986-1992 Associate Professor of Environment, Technology, and Society at Clark University (Massachusetts, USA)
- 1988-1990 Acting Director of the Center for Technology, Environment and Development (CENTED) at Clark University
- 1992-1993 Visiting Professor of Environmental Sciences at the Swiss Institute of Technology Zurich (Switzerland)
- 1993-2003 Member (from 1999-2003 Chair) of the Board of Directors at the Center of Technology Assessment in Stuttgart (Germany)
- 2003-2012 Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Unit of Risk Governance and Sustainable Technology Development” at the University of Stuttgart (ZIRN)
- 2012-2016 Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Risk and Innovation Research at the University of Stuttgart
- 2013-2016 Dean of the Department of Economic & Social Sciences (University of Stuttgart)

Awards and Honors:

- 2003: Outstanding Publication Award from the Environment and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2004: „Fellow“: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- 2005: “Fellow”: Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)
- 2007: “Distinguished Achievement Award” of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)
- 2009: Honorary Doctorate from the Swiss Institute of Technology (Dr. sc. h.c.)
- 2011: Honorary Distinguished Professorship of the Technical University Munich
- 2012: Best Published Article in Risk Analysis 2012: Award by SRA
- 2012: Third Place in National Competition for the Best University Instructor Award
- 2013: „Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany” (*Bundesverdienstkreuz Erster Klasse*) in recognition of the scientific achievements in Germany and internationally
- 2017: Outstanding Research Award of the International Society for Integrated Disaster and Risk Management (IDRiM)

Academic Membership:

- Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (Berlin)
- Management Board of the German National Academy of Technology and Science (Acatech)
- European Academy of Science and Arts (Vienna and Salzburg)
- National Academy of Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management of the People's Republic of China (Beijing)

Ongoing Public and Academic Service (selection)

- President: GAIA Association (Publishing Board of the Interdisciplinary Journal GAIA)
- President: European Virtual Risk Institute (EUVRI)
- Board of Trustees of the Foundation: Environment and Disaster Prevention
- Foundation Board of the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC), Geneva
- State Platform for Sustainable Development (German State of Brandenburg)
- Member of the Commission on Ecological Challenges of the German Catholic Bishop Conference

Past Public and Academic Service (selection)

- President of the European Society of Risk Analysis (SRA-Europe) (1998)
- German Federal Advisory Council for Global Environmental Change (1996-2000)
- Prime Minister's Future Commission in the State of Baden-Württemberg (1998-2000)
- Chair: Ad hoc Federal Commission on the Institutional and Procedural Reform of Risk Management (2002-2004)
- Expert panel on "Public Participation in Environmental Assessment and Decision Making" of the U.S.-National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. (2005-2007)
- Member of the German Government's Ethics Committee on the Future of Energy Supply after Fukushima (2011)
- Expert Committee on Sustainability of the German Chancellor (2011-2012)
- President: International Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) from 2013-2014
- Member of the President's Science and Technological Advisory Council to the President of the EU Commission (2014-2015)

Major Research Interests

- Risk governance (assessment, perception, management, communication)
- Sustainable development (concept, social science perspective)
- Public participation (theory and practical application)
- Technology assessment and foresight with emphasis on energy

Publications

- Author or co-author of 30 monographs
- Co-author of 34 committee reports
- Editor or co-editor of 25 edited volumes
- More than 350 articles in journals and edited volumes (230 peer reviewed journal articles)
- Hirsch Factor (Google): 64

Relevant publications (selection)

Monographs

- Renn, O.: *Public and Stakeholder Involvement in Risk Governance*. Ark Publications: London 2014
- Rosa, E.A.; Renn, O. and McCright, A. M.: *The Risk Society Revisited. Social Theory and Governance*. Philadelphia (Temple University Press: 2014)
- Renn, O.: *Risk Governance. Coping with Uncertainty in a Complex World*. London (Earthscan 2008)

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Renn, O.: Systemic Risks: The New Kid on the Block, *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*, 58:2 (2016), pp. 26-36
- Renn, O.: Stakeholder and Public Involvement in Risk Governance. *International Journal for Disaster Risk Science*, Vol.6, Issue 1 (2015), pp. 8-20
- Renn, O.: Towards a Socio-Ecological Foundation for Environmental Risk Research. In: S. Lockie, D. A. Sonnenfeld and D. R. Fisher (Eds.): *Routledge International Handbook of Social and Environmental Change*. London (Routledge 2014), pp. 207-220
- Renn, O.: The Social Amplification/Attenuation of Risk Framework: Application to Climate Change, *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change*. Vol. 1, Issue 1 (January/February 2011) DOI: 10.1002/wcc.99 (2011), 154–169
- Renn, O. and Schweizer, P.: Inclusive Risk Governance: Concepts and Application to Environmental Policy Making. *Environmental Policy and Governance*, No. 19 (2009), 174-185
- Renn, O.; Jaeger, A.; Deuschle, J. and Weimer-Jehle, W.: A Normative-Functional Concept of Sustainability and its Indicators. *Int. J. Global Environmental Issues*, Vol. 9, No. 4, 2009, 291-317
- Renn, O.: Science and Technology Studies: Experts and Expertise. In: N. J. Smelser and P. B. Baltes (eds.): *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Volume 20. Cambridge, US (Cambridge University Press: 2001), pp. 13647-13654

Personal Data

- 1951 Born in Schmidtheim, Germany
- 1974 Marriage with Regina Kozikowski (three children)