

## **Ortwin Renn, Ph.D.**

### **Director**

#### *Scientific career:*

- 1978: Diploma in sociology, economics, and journalism (Cologne University)
- 1980: Ph.D. in social psychology (Cologne University)
- 1976-1985: Research positions at the Juelich National Science Center (Germany)
- 1986-1993: Professorships at Clark University (USA); Swiss Institute of Technology in Zuerich (Switzerland) and the University of Stuttgart (Germany)
- 1994-2003: Director of the State Center of Technology Assessment in Stuttgart

#### *2Present positions:*

- Full Professor and Chair of Environmental Sociology and Technology Assessment of Stuttgart University (Germany).
- Director of the non-profit company DIALOGIK, a research institute for the investigation of communication and participation processes in environmental policy making.
- Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Unit on Risk, Governance and Sustainable Technology Development at Stuttgart University (ZIRN).
- Deputy Dean of the social and economic science faculty of Stuttgart University.
- Adjunct professor of “integrated risk analysis” at Stavanger University (Norway).
- Honorary professorships at Harbin Institute of Technology and Beijing Normal University (China).

#### *Awards and honors (selection):*

- Honorary doctorate from the Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH Zuerich)
- Distinguished Achievement Award of the International Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)
- “Fellow”: Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)
- „Fellow“: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Outstanding Publication Award from the Environment and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association for the book: „Risk, Uncertainty and Rational Action“ co-authored by C. Jaeger, G. Rosa und Th. Webler.

#### *Academic Membership:*

- Senate of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (Berlin)
- Management Board of the German National Academy of Technology and Engineering “ACATECH” (Munich and Berlin)
- 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)*

- Chair: Board of Trustees for the private foundation “Precautionary Risk Management”
- Chair: State’s Commission for Sustainable Development (German State of Baden-Württemberg)
- President: GAIA Association (Publishing Board of the Interdisciplinary Journal GAIA)
- Scientific and Technical Council of the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC), Geneva
- Risk Communication Advisory Committee of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

- International Expert Group on Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR)
- Environmental Committee & Societal Affairs Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference
- Regional Environmental Board of the Protestant Church

*Past Public and academic service (selection)*

- Expert panel on “Public Participation in Environmental Assessment and Decision Making” of the U.S.-National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. (2005-2008)
- Chair: Ad hoc Federal Commission on the Institutional and Procedural Reform of Risk Management (2002-2004)
- German Federal Advisory Council for Global Environmental Change (1996-2000)
- Prime Minister's Future Commission in the State of Baden-Württemberg (1998-2000)
- From 1996 to 1997 President of the European Society of Risk Analysis (SRA-Europe)

*Research fields:*

- Risk governance, risk communication and perception
- Technology assessment and foresight
- Public participation and deliberative methods of policy making
- Public understanding of science and humanities
- Environmental sociology

*Publications:*

- More than 30 book publications and
- 250 articles in journals and edited volumes
- Most prominent publications: “Risk Governance” published in 2008 by Earthscan (London)

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