

## Dieter Rucht Curriculum Vitae

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Born on June 26, 1946 in Kempten, Federal Republic of Germany; German citizenship; married, two children

### Education and Degrees

- 1974 Erstes Staatsexamen (social sciences and sports)
- 1977 Dipl. sc. pol. (political science)
- 1976-1978 Teacher at Colleges in Munich and Starnberg
- 1978 Zweites Staatsexamen
- 1980 Dr. rer. pol. (Ph.D.) (political science), University of Munich, dissertation title "Planung und Partizipation" (Political Planning and Citizen Participation)
- 1995 Habilitation at the Free University of Berlin (political science); habilitation title (transl.): „Modernization and New Social Movements: USA, France and Germany“

### Professional Experience

- 1978-1983 Assistant Professor at the University of Munich (fields: Government, Political Sociology)
- 1983-1985 On leave for research ("Modernization and Protest"), funded by the German Research Association (DFG); Visiting Scholar at Harvard University, Cambridge; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris.
- 1985-1988 Research Fellow at the Sonderforschungsbereich 101 and 333 in Munich
- 1996 (January through April): Saywer Fellow at The Advanced Study Center, International Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1988-1997 Tenured position as a Senior Research Fellow at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Research Unit „Public Sphere and Social Movements“
- 1996-97 Chair of Sociology (only temporarily), John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies and the Institute of Sociology, Free University of Berlin
- 1998-2000 Chair of Sociology, University of Kent at Canterbury
- 2001-2004 Head of the Research Group “Political Communication and Mobilization” at the the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB); 2001 Honorary Professor of Sociology at the Free University of Berlin
- since 2005 Co-chair of the Research Group “Civil Society, Citizenship and Political Mobilization in Europe” at the Social Science Center Berlin

- Research      *Areas:* Social Change, Modernization, Comparative Politics and Political Sociology of Western Democracies, Political Participation, Social Movements, Protest; Public Discourses  
*Functions:* Principal investigator or investigator in various research projects funded by the German Research Association (DFG), Volkswagen-Foundation, German Bundestag, European Union, German American Academic Council, and other institutions.
- Publications      numerous authored, co-authored books and (co-)edited books; about 220 articles in journals and edited books – most of these in German and, to a lesser extent, in English; a few translated into French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Hungarian, Polish, Slovakian and Russian; numerous book reviews.
- Professional presentations  
at conferences of the International Sociological Association, International Political Science Association, American Sociological Association, American Political Science Association, Council for European Studies, European Consortium for Political Research, European Sociological Association, International Conference of Europeanists, British Sociological Association, French Sociological Association, French Political Science Association, German Political Science Association, German Sociological Association, and at numerous universities, including Harvard, Cornell, Chicago, Michigan (Ann Arbor), Oxford, Paris, Bordeaux, Lausanne, Bordeaux and Florence.
- Selected professional functions  
Co-chair of the working group on „Social Movements“ in the German Association for Political Science (1993-96 and since 2003); Chair of the research network on „Social Movements“ in the European Sociological Association (1997-99); Organizer and co-organizer of several international and national conferences; reviewer for research organizations in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and Israel; member of the editorial board of Mobilization, Social Movement Studies and Forschungsjournal Neue Soziale Bewegungen.
- Languages      German (native language), English (fluent reading and speaking), French (reading and – with some difficulties – speaking)