

## CURRICULUM

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## CV

Prof. Rainer Gehrig dedicates his academic and professional activity to the deeper comprehension of the links between development and religion, especially on the margins of our society and with vulnerable groups. After the studies of theology in Freiburg and the practical training, he worked in the pastoral field of post industrial worker neighbourhoods in Mannheim with a strong focus on Youth Organizations, families and volunteer support (1996-2001). From 2001 to 2004 he engaged in pastoral and organizational planning and served as trainer for church community development. In 2002, he combined pastoral work with research activity as a research assistant at the first worldwide catholic Centre for Christian Social Work and Charity Sciences (University of Freiburg), founded in 1925. In 2004 he moved to Murcia, and collaborated with the founding process of the International Institute of Charity and Volunteering John Paul II at UCAM as academic coordinator. In 2005, these activities led to the Official Master program of Social Development, where now he is the director. Every year he collaborates with the organization of the UCAM Congress on Charity and Volunteering (February). Since 2011 Member of the Observatory on Social Exclusion (University of Murcia).

He was guest speaker in different conferences on charity and development:

2008 in Taiwan, 2012 Kinshasa (Kongo) at the Meeting of the African Bishops Conference, 2015 Olomouc (CZ) Palacky University, 2016 Vatican City at the International Congress on Charity, 2018 Brescia University (Kentucky, USA).

### *Academic Formation:*

Bachelor in Theology, Albert-Ludwig-University (Freiburg, Germany) 1994.

Postgraduate Program on Culture and Tourism, University of Applied Sciences St.Georgen, SJ (Frankfurt, Germany) 2002.

PhD Program Cultural and Social Anthropology, UCAM (Murcia, España) 2005.

PhD Social Development, UCAM (Murcia, España) 2017.

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*Professional Formation:*

Formation in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care, Archdiocese Freiburg (Germany) 1994-1996.

Formation on Pastoral Counselling, Counsellor of DGfP (Germany) since 2011.

*Lectures:*

Since 2004 lectures on Theology and Holy Scripture, Theology 2 and Social Doctrine of the Church for Bachelor students at UCAM.

Since 2005 lectures on Theories of Poverty, Counselling and Theology of Charity (Master in Social Development, UCAM).

Since 2020 lectures on Qualitative Social Research (Master in Social Development, UCAM).  
Coordination of lectures from the Master program at La Habana (Cuba) and several short time teachings there between 2012-2014.

*Research:*

Religion and Development, Methods of Qualitative Social Research, Research on Poverty  
Theology of Charity.

*Current Financed Projects:*

New forms of Addiction - an anthropological and sociological research on habits of young people in the Region of Murcia (2019-2021)

European Project KA203 - Spirituality, Social Work and Ethics (2019-2021)

*Recent published research:*

2020 Viviendo en una burbuja: Pasos tentativos para una antropología de la «adicción a las nuevas tecnologías» AIBR Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana 15(3):531-555.

2019 Nothilfe und Empowerment - Spannungsverhältnisse in den Hilfeformen der Caritas in Spanien. Zeitschrift für Religion, Gesellschaft und Politik 3:341-366.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41682-019-00042-9>

2019 Dimensión económica en los procesos de exclusión de la población gitana en España. In: M. Hernández Pedreño (dir). Riesgo de exclusión de la población gitana en España e intervención social. Murcia: Observatorio de la Exclusión Social de la Universidad de Murcia.

2019 Situación social de la población gitana en España: balance tras la crisis. VIII Informe FOESSA Documento de Trabajo 3.12. (With M. Hernández Pedreño y O. García Luque).

2018 Theologie und Soziale Arbeit in Spanien – Überblick, Erfahrungen und Konzeptionen im Masterstudiengang für Soziale Entwicklung an der Katholischen Universität San Antonio Murcia. Caritas et Veritas 8(1):119-138 (in Czech language, too).

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2015 Training and formation on Caritas-Theology (CT) and Catholic Social Teaching (CST).  
In: Church Caritas Ministry in the Perspective of Caritas-Theology and Catholic Social  
Teaching. Publisher: Palacky University Olomouc (With Dal Toso, Pompey, and Dolezel).