Prof. Michael Stolleis (1941–2021)

In Memoriam

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Michael Stolleis, an outstanding historian of law, member of the Editorial Committee of Studies in History of Polish State and Law, died in Frankfurt-on-Main on March 18, 2021.

Prof. Michael Stolleis was professor emeritus at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt-on-Main, in the years 1991–2009 – director of the Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte. He was one of the best experts in German public law in the modern and recent times. He was the author of, among others, a four-volume epochal work entitled Geschichte des öffentlichen Rechts in Deutschland (ed. 1988–2012), summarizing the author's long-standing research in the field of the history of law in Germany. He also devoted numerous works to the study of law during the period of National Socialist rule in Germany. His life’s work consists of nearly twenty monographs and several hundred articles and scientific dissertations.

Michael Stolleis was Honorary Doctor of universities in Lund, Toulouse, Padua and Helsinki, a member of many scientific societies and a laureate of numerous prestigious awards, among them Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize.

With the passing of the Professor, we lost a Great Scientist, a true Friend of Poland and Poles, many of whom attended numerous scholarships at the Max Planck Institute in Frankfurt-on-Main when the Professor was its director.

We pay tribute to his memory.

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