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## **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.

Prof. Stolleis graduated from Law Studies at Ruprecht and Charles University in Heidelberg. He obtained his doctorate in 1967 at Louis and Maximilian University in Munich on the basis of his PhD thesis entitled ‘State, Law and Morality in Philosophical Texts of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.’ Six years later he was granted his postdoctoral degree in the field of modern history of law and church law. A year after that he obtained a professorship and occupied a chair at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, where he worked until his retirement.

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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