

IN MEMORIAM PROFESSOR EMERITUS JANNO REILJAN
(8.10.1951–23.01.2018)

The academic activity of Prof. Janno Reiljan associated with the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Tartu from his student age. He graduated from the Economic Cybernetics programme cum laude in 1975. In 1980 he defended candidate degree in the University of Moscow successfully and was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Tartu in 1991. After that Prof. Reiljan developed his competencies in different universities – in Bonn, Kiel, Boston, Leipzig, etc. He was socially active by the de facto restoration of Estonian independence working in 1992 as the advisor of the prime minister. Later, as a politician, he was a member of the Riigikogu compositions IX, X, and XI. He was also involved in the management of the University of Tartu as a member of the Council and the Board, and as a member and leader of the Budget Committee.

In his academic career, perhaps most of all the contribution of Prof. Reiljan to the renewal of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration regarding research and development in the 1990s must be valued, when he took responsibility of managing the Faculty as a Dean (1993–1996) and Vice-Dean for development affairs (1996–1999). Since then, many basic principles have survived until today in the Faculty's operation (emphasis on the research work; teaching and research staff performance measurement and rewarding; quality requirements for written student work, students' summer schools of which today's doctoral summer school tradition involving all Ph.D. students in this field in Estonia grew out, etc.). The construction of the Faculty building Oeconomicum in Narva Road 4 was also his responsibility. Janno Reiljan worked in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration for over 40 years altogether, being the full professor from 1991 to 1999, extraordinary professor during his position in Parliament in 2000–2007 and again full professor from 2008 until 2016.

Prof. Reiljan himself considered as most important his activity in training the next academic generation. To date, J. Reiljan supervised six doctoral theses and 34 master's theses altogether. Among his academic offsprings are the professor of international entrepreneurship and innovation and academician Urmas Varblane, professor of management and dean of the Faculty Maaja Vadi, and professor of research and innovation policy Kadri Ukrainski. From six defended doctors, the University of Tartu has received two professors, one Senior Researcher, and one Associate Professor. As Prof. Janno Reiljan created and ran the special Programme of International Economics, the graduates of this programme over many years have spread to other universities and government offices as well as the private sector.

Prof. Reiljan's candidate work was related to the implementation of econometric methods (component analysis) in the economic analysis. His Ph.D. thesis concerned the analytical foundations (both theory and methodology) of the decision-making processes. In the early 1990s, his interests expanded towards international economics, and later towards public finance, especially fiscal federalism but also the economics of education. Prof. Reiljan published over 200 articles and book chapters, including 44 publications in the

ETIS categories 1.1, 1.2 and 3.1. His contribution to establishing the series of collective monographs in the faculty as the editor was crucial, as well as his role in editing the "Estonian Discussions on Economic Policy" which today has grown to the ETIS 1.2 category magazine.

Janno Reiljan paid special attention to the international relationships and cooperation with foreign partners. In the mid-1990s he was able to get research grants from different foreign funding sources, such as the Volkswagen Stiftung, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the World Bank, etc. Later on, he received two Targeted Grants from Estonian Ministry of Science and Education (1998–2007) and altogether five grants from Estonian Science Foundation (1990–2007), as well as other research and development agreements. His last applied research project concerned the impact of external conditions on Estonian dairy industry's competitiveness.

One extremely relevant contribution of Prof. Reiljan can be seen in the promotion of Estonian terminology of economics. As a dean, he introduced the compilation of Estonian study materials development (which was initially mandatory) and started the publication of Estonian textbooks in 1995 which grew to the series with more than 100 textbooks on economics and business. He authored three books in that series – "Välismajanduse monetaarne teooria" (Monetary theory of international economy, 1995), "Rahvusvaheline ettevõttejandus" (International Business Administration, 2000) in cooperation with T. Roolaht, "Majandusotsuste teoreetilised alused" (Theoretical Foundations of Economic Decisions, 2001) in collaboration with K. Kasemets. More recently he published e-textbook "Majandus-otsuste analüütiline põhistamine" (Analytical Foundations of Economic Decisions, 2014).

As a reward for outstanding contribution in the research, development, and education of economics, as well for his contribution to the management of the Faculty, the Senat of the University of Tartu decided to nominate Prof. J. Reiljan with the Professor Emeritus title. Faculty of Economics and Business Administration organized for Prof. Reiljan a Colloquium "Small Countries of the European Union – Their Problems and Policies" on October 8, 2016. Prof. Reiljan passed away on January 23, 2018.

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