

PROFESSOR PETER FRIEDRICH – 80

Prof. Peter Friedrich graduated from the University of Münster in 1964 and worked there as an academic assistant and member of the academic council. He was granted a Price from the Verein für Kommunal Wissenschaften for his thesis on “Investment Theory for Municipal Enterprises.” He habilitated in Münster in 1974 (the title of the habilitation was “Location Theory of Public Offices”), and was rewarded by the DFG grant during his habilitation. Subsequently, he also worked as a Docent there. Since 1974 he worked as a professor and during 1974–1978 had a Chair of Public Finance in University of Siegen, in 1978–1988 a Chair of Public Finance in University of Bamberg and 1988–2006 a Chair of Public Finance in the Bundeswehr University Munich. In 1996 he was nominated as Honorary Doctor at the University of Toruń. Prof. Friedrich has been internationally very active and spent his Sabbaticals at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Philadelphia, University of Thorn and University of Krakow.

Prof. Friedrich has also been teaching at the University of Munich, Bavarian School of Public Policy, Verwaltungs- und Wirtschaftsakademie. He also worked in different research institutes and communities, as a professor at WSB University Thorn, and since 2006 also at the University of Tartu. Today from about 30 of his Ph.D. Students, eight work as Professors in Germany, Austria, Poland, Indonesia, and China.

Prof. Friedrich has been a member of the Board of Scientific Advisors in German Association of Public and Non-profit Enterprises since 1973; a long-term member of European Regional Science Association being especially active in organizing Summer-Schools there. He has also been a co-editor (together with P. Eichhorn) of the Series of monographs “Schriften zur öffentlichen Verwaltung und öffentlichen Wirtschaft” in 1974–2012, editing altogether about 220 books. Entirely, he has published more than 200 different publications during his career including three books, 40 journal articles, and 100 book chapters.

In his academic career, he has been interested in investment theory and price theory; location theory and effects of location; regional competition and business promotion policies; transformation and joint ventures; public accounting and public management. During his career, he has executed many research projects related to administrative reforms and public office location; welfare effects of the elderly housing; economic and welfare effects of the location of public offices; taxation of Treuhand Anstalt. He has also performed applied research projects on district heating, traffic, school development, but also German-Chinese joint ventures in the chemical industry.

Prof. Friedrich has always had a keen interest towards East-European countries and transformation issues. His long-term connection to Tartu University developed already during his secondary school years as his teachers came from among former academic staff members of the University of Tartu resettled in 1940 to Germany. Therefore, in 2006 Prof. Friedrich accepted the invitation to work in Tartu and to help here to develop academic and research activities on public finance and management. In Tartu, he has mainly researched Estonian public policy issues: municipalities and fiscal equalization,

innovation policy, social accounting, public management, public enterprises, and most recently, the economics of mineral resources. He has published many articles and book chapters while in Tartu, but his main passion has been related to the supervision of Ph.D. students with two successful defences so far and hopefully several yet to come.

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