

PROFESSOR DR MANFRED O. E. HENNIES – 80

Manfred O. E. Hennies was born on 10th September 1938 in Berlin. In February 1958, he graduated from the “Tannenberg Grammar School” in Berlin with the German Abitur (High School Certificate).

From 1958 to 1964 Manfred Hennies studied Economics at the Free University of Berlin. Before the end of his studies and earning the degree of economic diploma in June 1964 he worked from 1963 to 1969 as a research assistant to Professor Dr. Carl Foehl at the Institute for the Theory of Economic Policy. Together with his future Ph.D. advisor, Professor Föhl, he published the handbook “Accumulation of Capital through Employees”¹. In 1966 Manfred Hennies began lecturing at the University of Berlin and in 1969 received a doctorate in Political Science (Dr. rer. Pol.), following the publication of his inaugural dissertation: “On the Feasibility of Economic Target Bundles”.

Subsequently, Dr. Hennies was appointed by the Association of the German Automotive Industry (VDA), as Head of the Departments for Economics, Raw Materials and External Trade, where he worked from 1969 until 1977. During this time, he completed the further publication “The not so Magical Polygon of Economic Policy”.²

Following his work in the industrial sector Dr. Hennies moved to the Civil Service where he was a member of the executive board of the Hessen Association of Statutory Physicians (KVH) from 1978 until 1986.

On 15.02.1986 Hennies was appointed Professor of Economics at the University of Applied Sciences, Kiel.

After his retirement in March 2004 he continued lecturing and worked as an examiner at the University of Applied Sciences, Kiel, until the end of the summer semester 2010.

Besides his work in industry, in the Civil Service and later at the University of Applied Sciences, Kiel, Dr. Hennies was actively involved in academic work at many other further education institutions, combining practically, his interest in microeconomics (‘worm’s eye view’) and macroeconomics (‘bird’s eye view’).

From 1973, until his appointment as Professor of Economics, in Kiel, at the beginning of 1986, Dr. Hennies was teaching at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt on Main, where he lectured in Macroeconomic Cybernetics. Furthermore, he lectured Business Studies at the Wiesbaden Management College from 1981 until 1986.

After relocating to Kiel Manfred Hennies took over his fulltime job lecturing. He also lectured the basics of general economics, with emphasis on banking, at the Economic Academy of Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel. During this time, he sporadically gave guest lectures, as a visiting professor, in Budapest and Tallinn (1990 and 1991). Furthermore,

¹ Föhl, Carl/Hennies, Manfred. Vermögensbildung in Arbeitnehmerhand, Schriftenreihe Politik in unserer Zeit, Band 2. Pfullingen 1966.

² Hennies, Manfred O. E. Das nicht so magische Polygon der Wirtschaftspolitik, Berlin 1971.

from 1989 until 1991, he lectured in Business Science (a compulsory subject for all law students until 1991), at the Christian Albrecht University Faculty of Law, Kiel.

In later years, from 1997 until 2005, Hennies also lectured in the basics of general economics, with emphasis on banking at the Vocation Academy in Rendsburg.

In 1990 Hennies spent time as a visiting professor in Estonia, in Tallinn, Tartu and Pernu. The curriculum content was initially the transformation of economic order and later economic policy, in particular monetary policies and foreign economics. During this time Hennies published the text book in three parts “General Economics for Business Economists”³.

From 1993 – 2000, in block courses Dr. Hennies lectured, as a visiting professor at the State Financial Academy in Moscow, the State University of F. Scorina in Gomel, Belorussia, and the State Business Academy (RSWA) in Rostov am Don, Russia, in the Transformation of Economic Orders, Monetary Policy and Foreign Economics. Subsequently, from 2000 to 2006, he held two-week courses at the Institute of Business Economics in Vaasa, Finland, in which he covered the subject areas of General Business Administration and Economics (Basic Studies), as well as Monetary Policy and Foreign Economics (Postgraduate Studies).

Since retiring from lecturing in Germany in 2010 Prof. Hennies has continued to work in the areas of education and research in Estonia. He is jointly responsible for the organisation of annual conferences for general questions concerning Economic Policy, as well as being jointly editor of the accompanying publications. In this context, he has published “Economic Policy in Circulation”⁴ and together with the main organiser of the conference “International Discussions on Economic Policy within conferences in Estonia”⁵.

Over the years, Manfred O. E. Hennies has made an outstanding contribution since 1996 as the co-organiser of our annual international conference on economic policy held in Estonia and also a member of the editorial staff (in 2007–2015) and an important editor (since 2016) of this scientific journal. For many times he has written a substantial introduction to our journal, raising also topical economic problems, and done much appreciated work in introducing our conference and journal in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Also the excellent cooperation of our journal with the Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag GmbH (Berlin Science Publishing House) started thanks to the earlier contacts of Manfred with the above-mentioned publisher. He has also been a much appreciated visiting lecturer both at the Department of Economics of the Tallinn University of Technology and the Faculty of Economics of the University of Tartu but

³ Hennies, Manfred O. E. Allgemeine Volkswirtschaftslehre für Betriebswirte, Band 1: Grundlagen, Wirtschaftsordnungen, Wirtschaftskreislauf, Agrarwirtschaft, Berlin 1987, 2003 (6. Auflage); ..., Band 2: Marktformen und Produktionplanung, Berlin 1987, 1998 (4. Auflage); ..., Band 3: Geld, Konjunktur, Außenwirtschaft, Wirtschaftswachstum und Verteilung, Berlin 1989, 2003 (5. Auflage).

⁴ Hennies, Manfred O. E. Wirtschaftspolitik im Kreislaufgeschehen. Norderstedt 2017.

⁵ Hennies, Manfred O. E./ Raudjärv, Matti. Internationale Gespräche über Wirtschaftspolitik im Rahmen einer Konferenzreihe in Estland. Norderstedt 2017.

also at the Pärnu College of the University of Tartu and at other establishments. Manfred who has visited Estonia for more than 30 times (often with his wife Monika and also with his daughter Bettina) is very familiar with Estonian geography, culture and history and many other aspects. He has many good friends and colleagues in Estonia.

Among other things, Manfred was also an amateur pilot for decades before becoming Professor Emeritus at the university (this required a certain number of annual flight hours). In June 1991, the undersigned and his daughter had an excellent opportunity to fly around for a few hours over the Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein during the Kiel Week in a four-seat airplane, with Manfred as the pilot. Manfred's wife Monika was a triple champion of the Federal State of Hessen in table tennis in 1960s and was elected once as the best female athlete of Hessen of the year.

In the name of the organising committees of the conferences and the scientific journal, we wish a lot of happiness, good health, success and further cooperation also for the future to Professor Emeritus Dr. Manfred O. E. Hennies on his 80th birthday! Congratulations also to his daughters, Bettina (lives in Frankfurt am Main) and Sandra (lives in Hamburg) and their families. We send our good wishes and congratulations separately also to his wife Monika.

February–March 2018
At Pirita-Kose in Tallinn

Sincerely,

Matti Raudjärv

Long-time colleague and friend
since we first met in Kiel in November 1989

Comment: Professor Emeritus Sulev Mäeltsemees of the Tallinn University of Technology as a member of the organising committees of the conferences and scientific journal, would like to congratulate Professor Emeritus Hennies personally for the cooperation which has developed in the course of many years: We wish you happiness, health, a bright mind and a sharp pen and word for many years to come, Manfred!

Also the mother Salme, father Arved, daughter Mari-Liis, grandson Julius Markus of the undersigned and many others join these good wishes. Manfred and Monika have been welcome guests in our family and home in Estonia for dozens of times, also our family members at their home – in Warder near Kiel.

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