

PROFESSOR DR. ARMIN ROHDE – 65

Armin Rohde was born on 21 March 1952 (Plön, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany). He studied at the University of Hannover in 1974–1979 and graduated with the diploma of an economist. Then (1979–1984) he worked at the Institute of National Economy of the same university – as a researcher of the Department of Money, Credit and Finance (1984). After defending his doctoral thesis (Dr. rer. pol.) in 1984 he worked as an assistant at the University of Hannover (1984–1995), later as a senior academic counsellor. In 1994 he was habilitated at the Faculty of National Economy of the University of Hannover. Then he decided to relocate and find a new chair (East and West Germany were united and the Eastern part wanted to strengthen/refresh its institutions with people from the West) and applied for posts at the Paderborn University and University of Greifswald and Professor Armin Rohde was appointed as the Head of the Chair of General Studies in National Economy (above all the orientation of Money and Finance) of the Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University of Greifswald from 1 January 1997.

The German economist and member of the academic staff of the University of Greifswald Professor Dr. Armin Rohde has actively participated (often together with his doctoral students) in our scientific conferences on economic policy at Värskä and Järeda for 20 times since 1999 (as the most frequent of the foreign guests!). He has given substantial presentations and has repeatedly and efficiently chaired the sections and sessions. He has also published a large number of thorough and concise research papers together with his doctoral students also in our scientific journal published in three languages. He has also been a welcome guest and friend at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Tartu, delivered lectures there and been an opponent for doctoral students.

We can certainly say that Armin Rohde as a kind person and excellent and recognised economist has enriched our conferences in all respects and made them more interesting and comprehensive. He has also been always helpful to peer review the papers of our authors or to find/recommend high-level competent peer reviewers. Also the University of Greifswald is one of the important supporters of our conference and journal. Many thanks for all this both to Professor Armin Rohde and the University of Greifswald.¹

¹ The undersigned has had several fellowship opportunities at the University of Greifswald, in the chair of Professor Armin Rohde (2001 October–November; 2004 May for a short period; 2006 November). His chair and faculty library made a gift of a large amount of valuable scientific and academic literature on general economics and economic policy to the library of the Pärnu College of the University of Tartu (in May 2004 when the undersigned stayed in Kiel (Kiel University, established in 1665, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, established in 1914, and Kiel University of Applied Sciences, established as a separate institution of higher education on 1 August 1969 partly on the basis of other earlier institutions of higher education), Rostock (University of Rostock, established in 1419), Greifswald (University of Greifswald, established in 1456) and Stralsund (Stralsund University of Applied Sciences, established on 1 September 1991) again, travelling by car. As a reminder: The University of Tartu was established in Tartu by King Gustav II Adolf of Sweden in 1632 and was relocated to Pärnu for the period 1699–1710 (as an attempt to save the University of Tartu by relocating to Pärnu because of the plundering raids of the Russian Czar Peter I undertaken to Estonia against Sweden and Estonia, including burning down the City of Tartu!).

Professor Rohde is active also outside his academic work at the university, being a member-counsellor of the Economic Policy Council of the German Savings Banks Association; co-member of the Vorpommern Economic Association and Director of Studies of the Academy of Politics, Economics and Culture of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Federal State; member of the Economic and Social Sciences Association (social policy); member of the Association of Universities and other Higher Education Institutions of Germany; member of the Berlin Institute of Empirical Economic Research (IEW).

The research orientations, interests and activities of Prof. Dr. Armin Rohde are focused on the following subjects: 1) internationalisation of monetary policy; 2) monetary aspects and implications of European integration; 3) new developments in currency use (online currency exchanges and virtual currency); 4) transfers of monetary impulses; 5) issues of monetary and financial policy in countries of the Baltic Sea, above all in the Baltic states; 6) current analysis of the monetary and financial policy of the European Central Bank.

Professor Armin Rohde has had about 50 publications since 1985 in recognised research journals, books, reference books (encyclopaedias, lexicons) and other publications in many countries: Austria (Vienna), Estonia (Tallinn), Latvia (Riga), Poland (Szczecin), Sweden (Kalmar) and Germany (Baden-Baden, Berlin, Greifswald, Hannover, Landsberg (Lech), Leipzig-Mannheim, Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schwerin, Stuttgart, Wiesbaden). A number of such papers have been published together with his colleagues and doctoral students (Bettina Meklenburg /Günther/, Ole Janssen, Susan Kurth, Carsten Lange, Agnes Oestreich, Tobias Rehbock, Johannes Treu, Horst M. Westphal).

Hard-working Professor Dr. Armin Rohde has already become Professor Emeritus by now which means the decrease in direct workload. But knowing Armin he surely continues his active participation in activities!

The organising committees of the conference and the journal and the participants in the conference and authors of the journal congratulate Professor Dr. Armin Rohde on his 65th birthday which was celebrated last year and wish him good health, success, happiness and further achievements. The respected professor will be welcome to participate in our conferences and contribute to the journal also in the future. Or, in other

On the trip back to Estonia through Denmark, Sweden and Finland, the books given as a present took up about a half of the car of the undersigned (above all the whole back seat and the space between seats!). The books were received with great appreciation in Pärnu.

The undersigned was always welcomed kindly at the chair of Professor Armin Rohde, at the faculty and the university and the staff made friendly efforts to help as much as possible. The accommodation at the guest apartments of the University of Greifswald was always excellent, even kindly! Also the local cultural and art activities (concerts in churches, museums, architecture of the old town, the zoo, the ancient fishing village Wieck, etc., including the Rügen Island close-by with its interesting nature (including chalk cliffs), sandy beaches, resorts and sometimes curious history) were excellent. These impressions and experience are gratifying and very much appreciated!

words – it has always been a pleasure to meet the good colleague Armin Rohde! Also his doctoral students and colleagues will always be welcome. Welcome to Estonia!

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At Pirita-Kose in Tallinn

Sincerely,

Matti Raudjärv
long-time colleague (became acquainted in June 1999 in Tallinn-Tartu-Värskä)