

In memory of Jörg...

On behalf of the board of the *International Journal of Economic Sciences and Applied Research (IJESAR)*, I would like to express my deep sorrow for the sudden death of Professor Jörg Huffschmid in December 2009. Mr. Huffschmid was one of the first members of IJESAR's editorial board, as he accepted our invitation to support our effort with great pleasure. Bearing in mind that his numerous commitments did not allow him much time to be more actively involved in IJESAR, his participation in our venture was an exceptional honour for us. His absence leaves a gap that is hard to fill. However, we feel greatly obliged to continue guided by his pure scientific discourse, the accuracy of his analyses, his tolerance of different opinion and his belief in an economic policy that would benefit the weak and the wage earner. Convinced that I am expressing the feelings of all my associates, I would like to give my sincere condolences to his family.

Jörg Huffschmid was born in 1940. He studied philosophy and economics in Freiburg, Paris and Berlin and in 1967 he received his PhD in economics from the University of Freie, Berlin. From 1973 on he worked as a professor at the University of Bremen. In 1975 he founded, together with Rudolf Hickel and Herbert Schui, the "Workgroup on Alternative Economic Policy / Arbeitsgruppe Alternative Wirtschaftspolitik", which produced the annual memoranda where alternative proposals were laid down for a more socially fair economic policy in Germany to counteract the neo-liberal proposals made by the five 'wise men' in Sachverstaendigenrat (SVR). In 1995, Jörg Huffschmid was a founding member of and driving force behind the "Workgroup of European Economists for an Alternative Economic Policy in Europe"; within the framework of the group's workshops the annual EuroMemorandum is published. Mr. Huffschmid was an associate of the Institute for Marxist Studies and Research, co-editor of the political science monthly *Sheets on German and International Politics* and editor of the *Journal for Marxist Renewal*. He also coordinated the efforts of the anti-globalization network ATTAC.

One of the major scientific and political contributions of Mr. Huffschmid was his publication in 1969 of *The Policy of Capital – Concentration and Economic Policy in the Federal Republic* (ed. Suhrkamp). Through this book Mr. Huffschmid revealed important social and economic aspects of the free market economy focusing mainly on the role of the capital in perpetuating inequalities and economic crises.

The board of IJESAR is intending to honour, in due time, our colleague and associate Mr. Huffschmid, in the manner that only suits a scientist with global recognition, social sensitivity and radical discourse.