

## **Farewell to Professor Friedl Weiss**

I knew Friedl for almost 50 years. What I remember best about him is how much fun we always had. Friedl's wit was a constant source of joy.

But Friedl also had a serious side. He was an accomplished scholar and academic teacher in many Universities. The first and the last station in his academic career was Vienna where he studied law obtaining his Dr. iur. in 1970. He then went to the Université Libre de Bruxelles (1971-72) and to the University of Cambridge (LL.M. 1974).

He taught at the University of Birmingham from 1974-1978. He was lecturer at the London School of Economics (LSE) from 1978-1992. During that period, he was also Legal Adviser at the EFTA Secretariat in Geneva (1984-1986) and worked in the Legal Affairs Division of the GATT Secretariat in Geneva (1990-1991).

In 1992 he became Professor of International Economic Law and International Organizations at the University of Amsterdam.

Finally, in 2006 the University of Vienna brought him back home by appointing him to the chair in European Law from which he retired in 2015.

In addition, he was visiting professor at many renowned universities including Bocconi (Milan), Tulane (New Orleans), Paris II, Graduate Institute Geneva and Wuhan (China). He gave guest lectures at many universities.

He is the author of numerous academic publications especially in the field of international economic law.

In 2012 the President of the Republic of Austria awarded him the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honour's Cross for Services to Science and Culture.

Friedl will live in the memory of those who knew and loved him. He will be alive as long as those who remember him are still alive.

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