

Jürgen Basedow 1949-2023



Jürgen Basedow, a giant of private international law (and numerous other disciplines), has died – suddenly, and completely unexpectedly, on April 6. He was my teacher (though only briefly so in a formal position), my predecessor as director of the Hamburg Max Planck Institute (where he served as director 1997-2017) and my colleague as an emeritus. His (impressive) vita is still visible on the MPI website.

Words fail me, as they have many, and so I will not attempt to write more here. A longer appreciation of his life and work and personality is in preparation. Until then, you may wish to read one or more of the following announcements that I am aware of; please announce in the comments or by email what I may have overlooked.

Also, the Hamburg Max Planck Institute is setting up a virtual book of condolences. Please consider sharing your own appreciation there, even if you have already written them up somewhere else.

RIP.

Longer appreciations:

Corinna Budras at Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Giesela Rühl at EAPIL

Federico Garau at conflictuslegum

José Carlos Fernández Rozas at his personal blog

Manfred Wandt at VersROnline

Konrad Duden / Matteo Fornasier in EuZW 2023, 395-396

Eva-Maria Kieninger / Ralf Michaels in RabelsZ 87 (2023), 229-235

Anatol Dutta / Christian Heinz in JZ 2023, 610-611

Brief online announcements:

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Leuphana University

Tbilisi University

Università degli Studi di Pavia

International Academy of Comparative Law

Monopolkommission

Brief appreciations on social media (incomplete)

Vasco Becker-Weinberg, Pejovic Caslav, Axel Halfmeier, Matthias Kurth, Michael Kubiciel, Monopolkommission, Gülüm Özçelik, Mateusz Pilich