

Obituary



Prof. Dr. Dr. Dieter S. Lutz (1949-2003)

Dieter S. Lutz, a leading German peace researcher and director of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) at Hamburg University, has suddenly died in Berlin of heart failure. With him the German and the international peace research community has lost a leading and respected colleague, a major critic of the use of force in recent wars and conflicts, of rearmament and a major conceptual architect of a new European order of peace and security

Since 1976 Dieter S. Lutz has been the deputy and since 1994 he has been the scientific director of the ISFH in Hamburg. Among his many activities have been the establishment of the Centre for OSCE Research (CORE) in Hamburg in 2000, Chairman of the German Foundation on Peace Research, Chairman of the Association of German Scientists (VDW) since fall of 2002 and President of the Willy Brandt Centre for German and European Studies at the University Wroclaw (Breslau) in Poland.

Dieter Lutz studied law and political science in Tübingen, Zürich, The Hague and London (1970 - 1976). He had a Dr. rer.soc. of Tübingen University, Germany (1981), and a Dr. sc.adm. (1991) of the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands) and a habilitation of Hamburg University (1993). In 1998 he was appointed a Hon. Prof. of the University of Kiel, Germany.

Hans Günter Brauch has known Dieter since their student days in Tübingen and Heidelberg and during the 1970's they were cooperating closely as junior researchers on peace research issues and in a research committee of the youth organisation of a major political party in which they searched for political and conceptual ways out of the Cold War and East-West confrontation. Dieter was also one of two young colleagues who attended his Ph.D. celebration in 1976 and they later cooperated on a book..

In this critical period prior to a potential violent conflict his critical voice against new wars will be missed. In his last letter as chairman of VDW of 29 December 2002 he announced a major conference on the future of war in Osnabrück (Germany), where in 1648 the peace after the Thirty-Years-War was concluded and the conceptual thoughts of Hugo Grotius on modern international law were implemented in the Westphalian order into practice that may soon again be challenged.

In these hours of mourning and sadness our thoughts are with his widow Liane Bayreuther-Lutz, his son and his daughter, and with his colleagues at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) at Hamburg University. We wish them the strength to cope with Dieter's too early death and to continue his many tasks on the goals and values we share and that are ours as well.

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