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NEW MEMBERS

Class I (Humanities)

David LUFT



My life has been devoted to the study of European culture and intellectual life. I was born in Youngstown, Ohio on May 6, 1944 and I grew up in Pennsylvania—in McKeesport and Allentown. In 1966 I graduated magna cum laude from the College of Letters at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. I received a Ph.D. in modern European history in 1973 from Harvard University with a dissertation on Robert Musil. From 1972 to 2008 I taught intellectual history and humanities at the University of California, San Diego, and since 2008 I have been Professor Emeritus at UCSD. In 2008 I was appointed a Horning Endowed Chair in the Humanities at Oregon State University, where I taught for ten years.

In 1963-1964 I studied German in Vienna and Munich, and in the summer of 1966 I studied French in Paris. I have regularly returned to Europe, primarily to Vienna and Prague, for my research. My first book, *Robert Musil and the Crisis of European Culture: 1880-1942*, appeared with the University of California Press in 1980, and I continued to publish articles on Musil and Austria intellectual life. In 1990 Burton Pike and I translated and edited a volume of Musil's essays with the University of Chicago Press: *Precision and Soul: Essays and Addresses*. In 2003 I published a book on thinking about sexuality in Vienna with Chicago UP: *Eros and Inwardness in Vienna: Weininger, Musil, Doderer*. I published another translation edition with Purdue UP in 2011: *Hugo von Hofmannsthal and the Austrian Idea: Selected Essays and Addresses, 1906-1927*. I have just completed an intellectual history of Cisleithanian Austria: *The Austrian Dimension in German Intellectual History: 1740-1938/1939*. I have received two Fulbright fellowships for research and teaching in Vienna, and I was recognized with a number of Excellence in Teaching awards from the University of California, San Diego.

CLASS II (Medicine)

Björn BRÜCHER



Brücher comes from Germersheim am Rhein, Germany, studied human medicine in Mainz, and completed parts of the course in Bradford, Edinburgh and Oxford. After his graduation together with his doctorate in 1993, he completed his surgical training at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) as Specialist in Surgery 2001 and Surgical Oncology 2005. He earned his habilitation in 2001 with successful clinical and molecular biology projects together with the TUM and the Helmholtz Centre in Munich in 2003. He spent a DFG funded molecular biology research visit at the largest cancer research center, the MD Anderson Cancer Center, in Houston, Texas, USA. Brücher



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leded the cancer surgery team at the University Hospital in Tübingen from 2007 to 2012. In 2008, he was appointed Professor of Surgery, founded the Theodor Billroth Academy and co-founded in 2013 its international consortium for scientific excellence, *INCORE*. Professor Brücher received numerous national and international awards such as the Karl-Heinrich-Bauer Cancer Research Award, various poster prizes and the prestigious Theodor-Billroth-Award by the Austrian Society of Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (F.A.C.S.), and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (F.R.C.S. Engl.). In 2012 he received honorary membership by the Israeli Society of Surgical Oncology (ISSO).

In 2012, Brücher was recruited to the Bon Secours Cancer Institute in Richmond, Virginia, USA. In addition to these accomplishments, Brücher served in multiple leadership and administrative research capacities over the past two decades while holding a Distinguished Fellowship and Professorship of Ethical Leadership of the New Westminster College in Vancouver, Canada. Additionally Professor Brücher serves as ambassador of the European Association of Cancer Research (EACR) since 2013 and was elected as one of the Leading Physicians of the World - Top Surgical Oncologist, Cancer Patient Care & Research Specialist" by 'The International Association of Oncologists' in 2014 and was invited as an expert of the AJCC (American Joint Cancer Committee) for the new cancer classification. In 2014 he published with his colleague Dr. Ijaz Jamall, Sacramento, California a new plausible complex cancer hypothesis. Both have added an entirely unanticipated level of complexity to our understanding of carcinogenesis and cancer.

Due to a familial stroke of fate he resigned from clinical and research positions (2013-2014) at the Bon Secours Cancer Institute, Richmond, Virginia, USA. Following a sabbatical until spring 2015, he now serves as Deputy Chair at the Department of Surgery, Carl-Thiem-Klinikum in Cottbus, Germany. In 2017, Professor Brücher became Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (F.R.S.B.) and he was appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the new interdisciplinary scientific journal *4open*, published by EDP Sciences. The re-certification by the German Cancer Society in 2018 attested excellent results to the Visceral Oncology Center which he supervises.

Brücher serves the entire spectrum of general and cancer surgery and is an expert in the field of tumors of the digestive tract and in research on carcinogenesis and metastases.

CLASS VII (World Religions)

Givi LOMIDZE



Dr. Theol. Givi Lomidze (born 02.05.1983 in Kharagauli, Georgia) a Georgian Orthodox theologian and Subdeacon in the Diocese of Belgium and Holland (Georgian-Orthodox Patriarchate). He studied Orthodox Theology at the Spiritual Seminary and Academy in Tiflis, Georgia (2000-2005). He is now a Teacher of Church History at the International Theological Institute in Trumau, Austria. He earned his Doctorate in Ancient Church History and Patrology at the Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, in Eichstätt, Germany (2014) and is currently writing his Habilitation at the University of Vienna. He is Author of several scientific articles. In 2017 he established the *Vienna Study House John of Damascus* together with Apl. Univ. Prof. Dr. Michaela C.



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Manfred OEMING

Manfred Oeming (born 1955 in Rostock) is full professor for Old Testament Studies at Heidelberg University (Germany). He studied Protestant Theology, Philosophy and Pedagogy in Wuppertal, Saarbrücken and Bonn (1975–1980) with a grant of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes). In 1985 he completed his PhD at the University of Bonn under the supervision of Antonius H. Gunneweg with the title „Why is the Old Testament part of the Christian canon?“, which has appeared in three printed editions. From 1985–88, as an assistant professor he wrote his habilitation published in 1990 with the title „The Genealogies of 1 Chronicles 1–9“. For three years he served as a pastor at the Kreuzkirche in Bonn (1988–1991). After receiving the highly distinguished Heisenberg Fellowship of the German Research Foundation (DFG) he conducted further research at University of Mainz and became a professor at Osnabrück University. Since 1996, he has held the Chair for Old Testament Theology at Heidelberg University.

His research interests cover a wide range of fields, including: a) historical critical exegesis of the Old Testament, especially wisdom literature, such as Psalms, Job, Qohelet, Song of Songs, and late historiography such as Ezra/Nehemiah, Chronicles and Tobit; b) the methodology of exegesis (His Introduction in to contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics, 5th German edition is in preparation for 2019, was translated into English and Czech); c) archaeological excavations (From 2004–2010, he was the co-director of Ramat Rahel excavation project, Jerusalem; since 2012 to the present, he has been the co-director of the Lautenschläger-Azekah-Expedition); d) interreligious dialogue with Judaism and Islam. He has authored 13 books, edited 26 volumes and published more than 120 scientific articles. In academic administration, he held the offices of Dean and Vice Dean at the Faculty of Theology, University preacher at St. Peter's church and delegate to the Baden Church Synod. From 2002–2006, he headed the College for Jewish Studies in Heidelberg as Prorector.

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