

Special Lectures of the 70th Anniversary of the End of World War II

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Preface to the Contributions by Professor Dr. Dres. h. c. Rolf Stürner, Freiburg

We have invited Professor Dr. Dres.h.c. Rolf Stürner, Freiburg from 12th through 23rd May 2015 as a Visiting Professor at the Law Faculty of Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto. Professor Stürner was born 11.04.1943 in Stuttgart. He studied at Tübingen University and passed the first state bar examination in 1966. He submitted his dissertation about “Privatrechtliche Gestaltungsformen bei der Verwaltung öffentlicher Sachen” in 1968. In 1970 he passed the second state bar examination in Stuttgart. He began serving as Assistant Judge at District Courts in Stuttgart and Tübingen in 1971. He has also been researching since 1972 as an Academic Assistant at Tübingen University. He was appointed as Judge at District Court Stuttgart. Professor Stürner has published 1976 his monumental work “Habilitation: Die Aufklärungspflicht der Parteien des Zivilprozesses”. In 1976 he received a chair of Civil Law and Civil Procedure Law at Konstanz University. He was appointed in 1981 as a Judge of the High Court in Stuttgart. Since 1992 Professor Stürner has held a chair at the Institute of German and Foreign Civil Procedure Law and Civil Law at Freiburg University until his emeritus. He was appointed as President of the Association of Civil Procedure Law in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. He was also appointed as a visiting professor at many law schools around the world, been a member of numerous public committees and held important international positions. Through his long and highly appreciated academic performances, Professor Stürner has received two honorary doctorates – in 2011 from the Kapodistrian University of Athens University, and in 2012 from Osaka City University. Many Japanese professors of civil procedural law such as Professor Dr. Iichiro Kasuga, Professor Dr. Yasunori Honma, Professor Dr. Kazuhiro Koshiyama have also researched at his institute in Freiburg. I myself have also had the honour of experiencing a nice academic life as a Fellow of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation from April through July of 2007 at his institute in Freiburg. It was therefore our great honour and pleasure that we were able to invite Professor Rolf Stürner as a Visiting Professor in 2015 to Ritsumeikan University. He has given several academic lectures at Ritsumeikan

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University. We are very pleased to present here his two interesting papers.

Part 1: “The Role of Civil Procedure in Modern Societies” was a lecture delivered to the students of our Law Faculty on 20th May, 2015. Part 2: “The Development of the Law Faculty of the University of Freiburg and the Internationalization of Law and Legal Education” was delivered at the Law Faculty Meeting at Ritsumeikan University on 19th May for the purpose of what we call faculty development. I thank my dear colleague Professor Dr. Dres. h. c. Rolf Stürner very much once again for the permission to publish these two papers in the Ritsumeikan Law Review in Kyoto¹⁾.

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1) “The Influence of Judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union on National Law” (in: Festschrift für Hiroyuki Matsumoto zum 70. Geburtstag 2016 p. 823-840) was also lectured on 22nd May 2015 at the Ritsumeikan University.