

Prof. Dr. Nicholas Lobkowicz

Born July 9, 1931, in Prague. Director of the Institute of Central and East European Studies.

Left Czechoslovakia in 1948 after Communist take-over, finished High-School in Switzerland. Married 1953.

1970/71 Dean of the School of Arts and Letters of (since 1999 widowed, remarried), five children. Roman Catholic. Since 1966 U.S. citizen, since 1992 moreover again Czech citizen. Unlimited right to residence in Germany.

Studied philosophy at the Universities of Erlangen, Germany, and Fribourg, Switzerland. 1958 Dr. phil., University of Fribourg, doctoral dissertation on Martin Heidegger's notion of *Dasein*.

1958-60 Assistant of Professor I.M. Bocheński at the *Institut de l'Europe orientale*, University of Fribourg; 1960-67 associate professor of philosophy, University of Notre Dame, Ind., USA; 1967-90 Chair of Political Theory and Philosophy at the University of Munich. Munich university; simultaneously Rector of the (then private) *Hochschule für Politik*, Munich. 1971-82 Rector/President of the University of Munich. 1984 - 1996 President of the Catholic University of Eichstätt. Since 1984 Director of the Central Institute for Central and East European Studies of the Catholic University of Eichstätt, Bavaria.

1979-84 Member of the Permanent Committee of the European Rectors' Conference (CRE); 1984-89 Member of the Permanent Committee of the Fédération Internationale des Universités Catholiques (FIUC); 1972-75 Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Institute for East European Studies, Cologne; 1983-90 Member of the Film Award Committee of the German Interior Ministry, Bonn; 1982-92 Member of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Rome; 1985-92 President of the *Free Association of German Writers*; 1982-2001 member, 1994-2001 Chairman of the European Advisory Committee to Radio Free Europe, Munich, now Prague; 2001/2 in behalf of the University President administrator of the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the Charles University, Prague.

Founding member of the International Society for Metaphysics; member of American Metaphysical Association; member of *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde*; Co-founder and 1st Vice-President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Salzburg); member of the Collegium Philosophicum, Hannover; member of the Academic Council of the University of Trnava, Slovak Republic; member (since 2001 Chairman) of the Board of the Goethe-Price of the Toepfer Foundation F.V.S., Hamburg, of the Scholarly Board of the *Studium generale Marcianum* (Venice), of the Council for Research in Philosophy and Values (Washington). Co-editor of *Studies in Soviet Thought* (since 1992 member of the Advisory Board of its successor, *Studies in East European Thought*), Dordrecht, The Netherlands; of *Zeitschrift für Politik*, Munich (1970-2004); of monograph series *Münchener Studien zur Politik* (Munich), *Sozialwissenschaftliche Reihe der Goerresgesellschaft* (Munich); *Herkunft und Zukunft* (Graz), *Internationale Katholische Zeitschrift Communio* (Freiburg i.Br.), *Oasis* (Venice).

1967 Senior Scholarship of the National Endowment for Humanities; 1986 Award for Scholarship of the *Deutschland-Stiftung* (Bonn); honorary member of the Ukrainian Academy of Science (New York), of the Czechoslovak Academy of Arts and Sciences (New York). Honorary degrees by Wayne State University, Detroit; Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul (Korea); University of Notre Dame (Ind., USA); Free Ukrainian University (Munich); Catholic University of America (Washington); Charles University (Prague). Since 2001 honorary member of the Exile P.E.N. Club.

Knight of the Order of the Toison d'Or and the Sovereign Order of Malta; Order of Merit of Bavaria, Silver Constitutional Medal of the Bavarian Parliament; Knight of the Papal Order of St. Gregorius, Order of Merit of the German Federal Republic, Masaryk Order of the Czech Republic, Ludwig Thoma Medal of the township of Munich.

Guest lecturer at various universities in Austria, Chile, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Korea, Poland, the Republic of South Africa, Poland, Russia, the Slovak Republic, Switzerland, the United States.

Main subjects of research and teaching: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Aristotle, Aquinas, Hegel, Left Hegelians, Marx and various forms of Marxism.

Languages: Czech and German (maternal languages); fluent in English and French; reading knowledge of Latin, Greek, Russian, Polish, Italian, Spanish.

Never ever member of a political party; member of Rotary International.

Entries in various American, British, Czech and German *Who is whos*.