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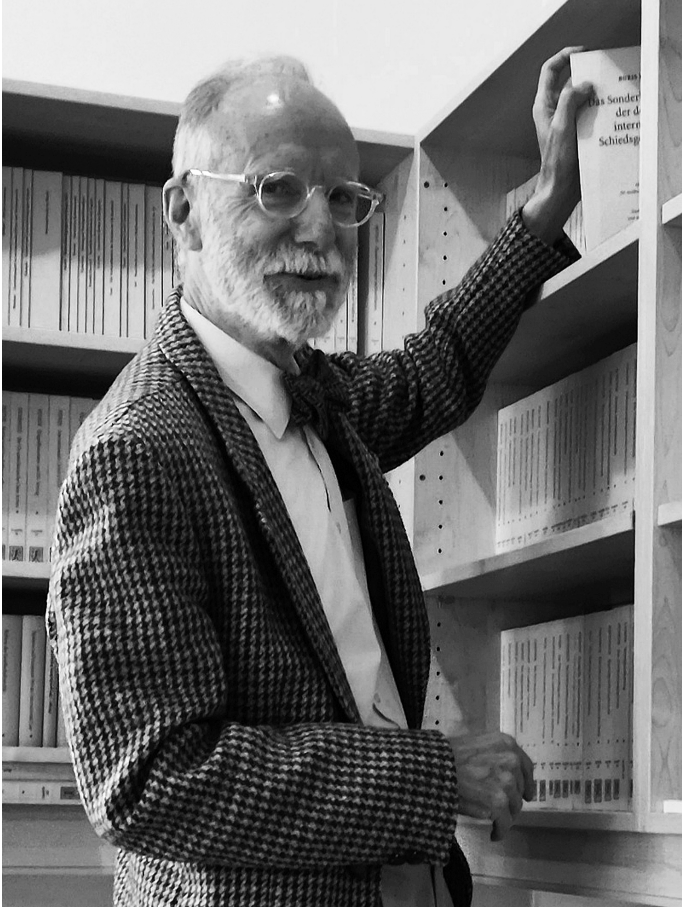


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Preface

This Festschrift – a format particular to German legal academia – unites forty-seven chapters by seventy researchers whose academic careers have been influenced or shaped by a single scholar. It is organized around five core themes that have accompanied him throughout his academic journey: experimental law & economics, judges & judicial decision-making, institutions, machine learning & the law, and legal theory. The chapters in this volume draw on doctrinal, theoretical, experimental, empirical, and natural-language processing methods. They address topics in constitutional law, administrative law, tax law, competition law, media law, AI & law, European law, procedural law, criminal law, immigration law, corporate law, and family law, among others. The Symposium held in Bonn in honor of this scholar on May 29, 2026, similarly reflects the profound impact he has had on scholarship in law, economics, psychology, and beyond.¹ In its range of subjects and methods, the Festschrift – and the accompanying Symposium – come thereby close to matching the breadth of the scholar to whom it is dedicated: Christoph Engel.

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1 At the Symposium on “Law, Behavior, and Decision”, fellow Max Planck Co-director Martin Hellwig gave a keynote lecture on “What Does it Mean to Say ‘Jurisprudence is Concerned with the Study of Legal Norms?’”; co-author Oren Bar-Gill (NYU) gave a keynote lecture on “Price Discrimination by LLMs: Following in the Footsteps of the Great Christoph Engel”; and co-author Elke Weber (Princeton) gave a keynote lecture on “‘A Man for all Seasons’: Christoph Engel’s Contributions to Understanding and Utilizing the Complex Connections between Institutional Design and Human Modes of Decision Making.” The following colleagues, co-authors and “Schüler” participated in a panel discussion on Law, Behavior, and Decision: Yun-chien Chang, Cornell University; Stefanie Egidy, University of Mannheim; Dan Klerman, University of Southern California; Florencia Marotta-Wurgler, New York University; Daniel Nagin, Carnegie Mellon University; Emanuel Towfigh, EBS Law School; Keren Weinshall, Hebrew University Jerusalem; Eyal Zamir, Hebrew University Jerusalem.

