

MEMORIAL NOTE

Adolf Grünbaum (* Cologne 1923 – † Pittsburgh 2018)

With deep and great sadness we received the message on the death of Adolf Grünbaum, Andrew Mellon Professor of Philosophy of Science and Research Professor of Psychiatry, who passed away in Pittsburgh, November 15, 2018. From the beginning Adolf was a supporting member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Institute Vienna Circle. He participated in several conferences in Vienna and Kirchberg/W. (Wittgenstein Symposium) and contributed most valuable papers in the last decades, beginning with our first Yearbook in 1993 and delivering the 7th Vienna Circle Lecture “A New Critique of Theological Interpretations of Physical Cosmology” (2000).

Adolf Grünbaum was one of the worldwide leading experts in the philosophy of science, esp. physics in the tradition of Logical Empiricism (Hans Reichenbach and Herbert Feigl). He was the founder and a longterm Director and Chairman of the famous Pittsburgh Center for Philosophy of Science.

We will miss him as a true proponent of scientific philosophy and as an excellent intellectual in our difficult times with his strong commitment to rationality, empiricism accompanied by an exact methodology. He became famous for his strong criticism of psychoanalysis and theism.

Adolf experienced an extraordinary scholarly career and influenced a lot of philosophers of science. He was awarded many prestigious prizes and served as chairman for many national and international societies in his research field.

Obituaries:

<http://www.dlmpst.org/pages/history/adolf-gruenbaum.php?lang=EN>

<http://www.hps.pitt.edu/people/adolf-gr-nbaum>

<http://www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr/>

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