

## **Robert D. Cooter 1945-2025**

We mourn the loss of Robert D. Cooter, Herman F. Selvin Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Law and Economics Program at Berkeley School of Law, University of California. Robert Cooter rendered outstanding services to the promotion of the discipline of Law & Economics globally and at the University of Hamburg. He was a regular visiting professor in the doctoral programme of the Institute for Law and Economics and provided significant support for this field of research in Hamburg. The University of Hamburg awarded him an honorary doctorate for his scientific work and his long-standing commitment to the field of law and economics research in Hamburg. His frequent and extended visits to Hamburg contributed significantly to the success of the Graduate College of the Institute for Law and Economics, inspired countless researchers and graduate students and also led to jointly organised symposia and publications. We personally and the Institute for Law and Economics have lost a great mind, a friend and supporter.

Robert Cooter passed away on 8 September 2025. We shall truly miss him.

On behalf of the Institute of Law and Economics

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