

## **In Memoriam: Dr. Christian Marfels**

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It is with deep sadness that the Department of Economics shares news of the passing of Dr. Christian Marfels last month, on May 11, 2020.

After earning his doctorate in economics from Freie Universität in Berlin, Dr. Marfels joined Dalhousie in 1967 as a Killam Fellow, staying on to become a long-serving and valued member of the Economics Department. An internationally-respected scholar of industrial and antitrust economics, Dr. Marfels' early research focused on the design and analysis of innovative measures of market concentration. His later work explored a diverse range of issues including industrial analyses of the food and beverage industries, the economics of gaming, and international competition and merger policy. Most recently, he was a Research Associate with Dalhousie's European Union Centre of Excellence.

Dr. Marfels was a popular educator, teaching courses such as industrial organization, antitrust economics, and "Euros and Cents" on the economics of the European Union. His passion for his subject matter was always prominent in his lectures, which were filled with entertaining and informative stories that made even the most abstract concepts relatable. As a graduate supervisor, he provided meticulous guidance, leaving his students well-prepared for careers in industry and academia.

Dr. Marfels loved to travel and he saw parts of the world that were fascinating to him, everything from swimming in the Dead Sea, exploring Ayers Rock, timing the geysers in Iceland and to visit the Moai on Easter Island. He also was an avid antique collector which included books, maps, stamps, coins, and toys.

Dr. Marfels could often be spotted on campus walking shoulder to shoulder with his friend and colleague, Dr. Gouranga Rao, between the Economics Department and Dalplex where the two enjoyed playing badminton.

The obituary for Dr. Marfels can be found here: <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/obituaries/dr-christian-marfels-39365/>.