

Kristof Glamann

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Kristof Glamann, Professor emeritus of Economic History at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, founding member of 'The Journal of European Economic History' in 1972, and member of its International Advisory Board since then, passed away last year: a great loss for the discipline, and for the Journal in particular.

Glamann was born in 1923 at Kersteminde, Denmark. He started his studies at the Cathedral School of Odense, pursuing them afterwards at the University of Copenhagen. In 1948 he got there his master's degree in Historical Studies. Ten years later, in 1958, he defended at the same University his doctoral thesis, the famous historian Astrid Friis being his supervisor. Theme of the thesis: *Dutch Asiatic Trade, 1620-1740*, published as a book during the same year. The book was internationally praised, considered a very imported contribution to the History of Europe's Colonial Trade during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In 1960 Glamann was appointed Full Professor in Economic History, a chair which during the same year had been created at the University of Copenhagen. In 1970 he was elected President of the International Economic History Association. From that moment onward he became very active in promoting economic historical research internationally. He was co-founder of the Scandina-

vian Economic History Review and became its first General Editor. He became also active in promoting scientific research in general. In 1988, for example, Glamann was co-founder of the Academia Europea, being elected at the same moment member of its Executive Council.

Glamann's own research and scientific publications were not limited to the study of Colonial History. Shortly after his doctoral thesis, he also published a book on the *History of the Danish Tobacco-Industry, 1875-1950*. During the same period he published, in collaboration with Astriid Friis, an important book on the history of *Prices and Wages in Denmark, 1500-1800*. The book was the Danish contribution to an international research project on the History of Prices and Wages, launched during the Thirties by a number of European and American economic historians in view of studying quantitatively the business cycles and long-term economic development in a broad historical perspective. The famous price historian Lord Beveridge was chairman of the project. During the same period, Glamann wrote also several more general studies on the Economic History of Europe during the Modern Times: they were published as chapters in the famous Cambridge Economic History of Europe and in the as famous Fontana Economic History of Europe.

Among Glamann's wide economic historical interest, one has to be mentioned in particular: the history of the Danish brewing industry. His research and his several publications on the subject attracted the attention of the great Danish brewers. Within this context it was logical that Glamann was elected in 1969 Member of the Board of Directors of the Carlsberg Foundation. In 1977 he was elected President of the Board, and shortly afterwards also Member of the Board of Directors of the Carlsberg Brewery. Glamann was very active in his entrepre-

neurial functions, in particular as President of the Carlsberg Foundation. He not only stimulated economic historical research in general by granting scholarships and subsidizing research projects, but he also supported financially typical Danish artisanal and industrial enterprises, such as the famous China ware factory 'Royal Copenhagen' and the as famous modern jewelry firm 'Jensen'. Finally, his leading functions in the Carlsberg Foundation and in the Carlsberg Brewery gave him easy access to the rich archives of both institutions, and to the rich family archives as well. After his retirement research in these archives intensified and generated three important scientific publications: one on the history of the Carlsberg Foundation, and two biographies, one of T.C. Jacobson, the founder of the firm, and a second biography of his son, Carl. During the same period he published also a more general study on *Beer and Brewing in Industrial Denmark*.

Kristof Glamann was a friendly, very gifted and open-minded person, moreover an excellent scientific and entrepreneurial organizer. During his presidency of the International Economic History Association Glamann organized in 1974 in Copenhagen a very successful World Congress of Economic History. He was also a pioneer in turning business history into a modern scientific discipline. And finally, his political network – he was *inter alia* an appreciated adviser of the Danish queen – was helpful in promoting the international contacts of economic historians. He was, for example, the first president who made it possible in 1974 that economic historians of countries beyond the Iron Curtain, including Russian colleagues, could attend the World Congresses of Economic History and learn about ongoing economic-historical research in the West.

The death of Kristof Glamann is, in the first place, a great loss for the Scandinavian Economic History discipline. Inter-

nationally his death leaves also a great gap. Glamann was an outstanding scholar with a high international reputation. Moreover, as a founding member of the Journal and as a member of its International Advisory Board, he contributed to a large extent to the flourishing of Economic History during the second half of the twentieth century and the beginning of this century. We all will miss his scholarly wisdom and cosmopolitan outlook.