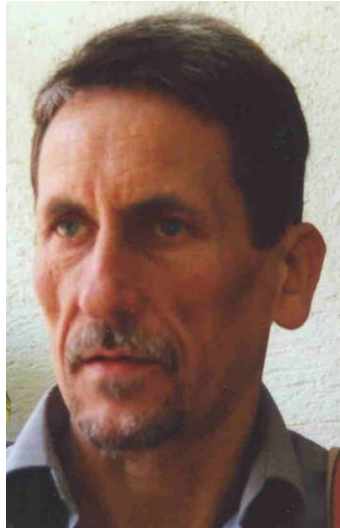


in memory of Johannes Laping (1949 – 2021), long-standing active member of Adivasi-Koordination



short bio

* born 25.3.1949 in Kandel/Germany

in the 1970s: studies of Indology at South Asia Institute of University of Heidelberg;

PhD in Indology at University of Heidelberg; topic of PhD dissertation: agriculture in ancient India
disillusionment with academic life

in the 1980s: a meeting with activist C.R. Bijoy in Coimbatore makes him aware of the situation of the adivasi

1987: start of "Eppelheimer Buchladen", a bookshop (his bread-and-butter-job) in his home town Eppelheim (pop. 15,268). This bookshop becomes an institution in the cultural life of Eppelheim

1994: Johannes joins the newly founded "Adivasi-Koordinationsgruppe"

9.4.2000: at the initiative of Johannes "Adivasi-Koordination in Deutschland" is founded as registered society; Johannes is in-charge of "research and documentation"; innumerable activities regarding human rights of Adivasi and their cultural heritage follow

2017: Johannes, by now in retirement age, sells the bookshop; he is no bookseller any more

2018: Johannes shifts from Eppelheim to Neustadt/W. (pop. 53,264) – the place of his childhood
+ expired 19.4.2021 in Neustadt/W., at the age of 72

He is survived by two children, Sandhya and Christoph.

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