

DR DAVOR SAVIN (1942-2011)

Davor Savin se rodio u Dubrovniku a u Beogradu je završio Pravni i Ekonomski fakultet. Doktorirao je na Pravnom fakultetu sa tezom Teorijske osnove inflatornog mehanizma. Bio je glavni ekonomski savetnik predsednika Skupštine SFRJ (1982-90), Viši ekonomski savetnik SIV-a (1971-82), naučni istraživač Instituta za ekonomiku investicija (1969-71), itd.

Svoja znanja iz ekonomske i monetarne politike sticao je i prilikom stručnih boravaka u Tokiju, Vašingtonu, Londonu, Solunu, Dublinu i Marburgu (Nemačka). Osim toga, bio je član Izvršnog odbora European Association of Development Institutes, Tilburg (1978-84), koordinator grupe za International Monetary Affairs EADI (1979-84), pridruženi član Academy of Management Philosophy, Tokio (1983), generalni sekretar Saveza ekonomista Jugoslavije (1984-87), itd.

Aktivan i angažovan, rado je prihvatao da bude sagovornik novinarima svih domaćih i stranih medija, sarađivao je s mnogim časopisima, bio je član uređivačkog odbora časopisa: Bankarstvo, Finansije, Ekonomska analiza i Financial Development kao i glavni i odgovorni urednik Našeg gospodarstva - EPF Maribor.

Znali smo da se hrabro već godinama bori protiv opake bolesti. On to nije ni krio, mada o tome nije hteo da zamara druge. Ipak, vest nas je dočekala nespremne, jer kad ode neko vama drag i poštovan uvek izazove nevericu, neprihvatanje, žalost.

Davor Savin was born in Dubrovnik, but graduated from the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Economics in Belgrade. He gained his doctoral degree at the Faculty of Law, having defended the thesis "Theoretical Foundations of Inflationary Mechanism". He held the positions of Chief Economic Advisor to the President of SFRY Assembly (1982-90), Senior Economic Advisor at the Federal Executive Council (1971-82), academic researcher at the Institute for Economy of Investments (1969-71), etc.

He broadened his knowledge in economic and monetary policy during his professional stays in Tokyo, Washington, London, Thessaloniki, Dublin and Marburg (Germany). In addition to that, he was a member of the Executive Board of the European Association of Development Institutes, Tilburg (1978-84), group coordinator at International Monetary Affairs EADI (1979-84), associate member of the Academy of Management Philosophy, Tokyo (1983), Secretary General of the Association of Economists of Yugoslavia (1984-87), etc.

Active and engaged, he eagerly accepted communication with the journalists from all local and foreign media, cooperated with numerous journals, held the position of a member of editorial board of the magazines: *Bankarstvo* (Banking), *Finansije* (Finance), *Ekonomska analiza* (Economic Analysis) and *Financial Development*, along with the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Naše gospodarstvo* (Our Economy) - Faculty of Economics and Business, Maribor.

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Dr Davor Savin bio je veliki prijatelj Udruženja banaka Jugoslavije i član redakcije časopisa Jugoslovensko bankarstvo od njegovog prvog broja. Prijateljstvo je trajalo decenijama i ostalo i nakon transformacije Udruženja u Udruženje banaka Srbije i posle promene imena časopisa u Bankarstvo. U poslednje dve godine Dr Davor Savin je bio član redakcionog odbora Bankarstva i autor dva izuzetna priloga:



Londonska konferencija 1933. i Okvir nove evropske bankarske regulative. Očekivali smo uskoro i novu Davorovu knjigu za koju bi Udruženje banaka bilo izdavač. U poslednjem telefonskom razgovoru bilo je očigledno da mu je veoma neprijatno, njemu tako savesnom, obazrivom i vrednom, što kasni sa predajom materijala za knjigu zbog dužeg boravka u bolnici. Pokušavali smo da ga uverimo da knjigu planiramo u ovoj godini, ali da joj nismo odredili tačno vreme izlaska iz štampe. Ne znamo da li smo ga u to ubedili znajući koliko je prema sebi bio strog, a nasuprot tome, koliko je mnogo razumevanja imao za sve svoje kolege, saradnike, studente, poslovne partnere...

U bogatoj radnoj biografiji posebno mesto zauzimala je profesura, poslovno angažovanje koje je verovatno najviše i voleo. Poslednjih godina bio je profesor na Fakultetu za ekonomiju, finansije i administraciju - FEFA i na Ekonomsko-poslovnom fakultetu Univerziteta u Mariboru. Bio je omiljeni profesor, ne samo na ovim već i na drugim fakultetima jer je ovo zanimanje izabrao pre 25 godina. Bio je vanredni profesor za međunarodne finansije Ekonomskog fakulteta Dubrovnik od 1986. do 1990. godine a potom je predavao finansijsku teoriju i politiku na redovnim i postdiplomskim studijama na ekonomskim fakultetima u

Beogradu, Sarajevu, Skoplju, Tokiju, Firenci, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

Evo kraćeg citata sa komemoracije na Mariborskom fakultetu o tome kakav je profesor bio Dr Savin:

„Bio je spretan i pre svega zanimljiv govornik i sagovornik o mnogim temama. Predavanja za studente i naše susrete je često znao začiniti anegdotama ili kratkim pričama iz svog bogatog

životnog iskustva... „Pitao sam Joan Robinson zašto još uvek nije dobila Nobelovu nagradu!“ ili „kada sam razgovarao sa Keynesovom ženom...“ O slavnim ekonomistima i njihovim delima znao je i ono što nije moguće naći u udžbenicima i knjigama, i to iz prve ruke. Njegova predavanja su bila zanimljiva. Kada je sa studentima raspravljao o aktuelnim temama s područja ekonomije, često je govorio: „razumem da vas više zanimaju problemi žaba u severnom delu Vijetnama, ali...“ Učio nas je slušati i čitati. Nikada savetima već svojim primerom... Od njega smo učili ne samo o monetarnoj politici, već i o njegovim akademskim iskustvima. Nikada nije svoje bogato iskustvo i znanje ljubomorno čuvao za sebe, već je bio neizmerno srećan zbog našeg oduševljenja prilikom otkrivanja i razumevanja struke, a pritom nas je ohrabrivao i motivisao...”

Davor je bio pravi prototip intelektualca koji je imao odlično obrazovanje, stručno usavršavanje i zavidnu radnu biografiju. Voleo je umetnost i bio vrstan poznavalac književnosti, slikarstva i klasične muzike. Svestran i zainteresovan, nije se mirio sa znanjem jednog stranog jezika, te je govorio engleski, francuski, nemački, italijanski, španski i slovenački.

We knew that he had been courageously fighting against a malignant disease. He never concealed it, although he did not want to impose on others. Nevertheless, the bad news caught us unawares, because whenever someone you like and respect passes away, it invariably causes disbelief, denial and grief.

Dr Davor Savin was a great friend of the Association of Yugoslav Banks and a member of the editorial board of *Jugoslovensko bankarstvo* (Yugoslav Banking) magazine from its very first issue. The friendship lasted for decades, and was preserved after the transformation of the Association into the Association of Serbian Banks, and after the magazine changed its name into *Bankarstvo* (Banking). In the past two years, Dr Davor Savin was a member of the Editorial Board of *Bankarstvo* Magazine, and the author of two exquisite contributions: "London Conference 1933" and "New European Banking Regulations Framework". We were also expecting Davor's new book that the Association of Serbian Banks was to publish. In our last telephone conversation, he, being so conscientious, thoughtful and diligent, was obviously embarrassed for being late with the delivery of the book materials, due to his prolonged stay in the hospital. We did our best to assure him that, even though the book was planned for this year, the date for its printing had not yet been specified. We do not know if we managed to convince him, knowing how harsh he was towards himself, and, by contrast, how much understanding he had for all his colleagues, associates, students, business partners, etc.

A special place in his rich working career was held by teaching - professional engagement that he probably cherished the most. In recent years he was a professor at the Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration - FEFA, and at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Maribor. He was everyone's favourite professor, not just at these, but also at the other faculties he had taught at since he chose this profession 25 years ago. He was an associate professor for international finance at the Faculty of Economics in Dubrovnik from 1986 to 1990, after which he taught financial theory and politics, both at the undergraduate and postgraduate studies, at the faculties of

economics in Belgrade, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tokyo, Florence, and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

We hereby present a brief quote from the commemoration at the Faculty of Maribor, illustrating what kind of a professor Dr Savin was:

"He was a skillful and, before all, fascinating speaker and someone you could talk to about numerous topics. He would often embellish his lectures, as well as our conversations, with anecdotes or short stories from his abundant life experience: "I asked Joan Robinson how come she still hadn't won the Nobel Prize!" or "when I spoke to Keynes's wife...". When it came to renowned economists and their works, he was familiar with the details that could not be found in course-books and reference books. His lectures were attention-grabbing. When he discussed current economic topics with his students, he used to say: "I realize that you are more interested in the matter of frogs in North Vietnam, but...". He taught us to listen and read. Never by means of unwarranted advice, but by setting an example. We learned from him not just about monetary politics, but also about his academic experiences. He never selfishly kept his rich experience and knowledge for himself, but was always immensely happy to see our enthusiasm when discovering and understanding the profession, encouraging and motivating us all the while..."

Davor was a true epitome of an intellectual with extraordinary education, professional expertise and enviable career. He loved art and was a superb connoisseur of literature, painting and classical music. Versatile and inquisitive, he never settled for knowing just one foreign language, but spoke English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Slovenian.

