



Jo Lorentzen 'Smiling at the Orange River', by Peter Møllgaard.

Jochen Peter Lorentzen

(21 April 1962 – 15 February 2011)

Jo Lorentzen was a special person – first of all a friend, but also an innovative, strong-minded scholar. Earlier this year he died a sudden death on his morning run in Pisa. We are saddened by this loss but share fond memories of his work and his friendship.

Born and raised in Germany, he received an MA in International Affairs from the American University. At the EUI he did his Ph.D. (Opening up Hungary to the World Economy, 1993) with Prof. Susan Strange. Jo proceeded to work at the CEU in the Czech Republic, at Amherst in Massachusetts, at Nomisma in Italy, at Copenhagen Business School in Denmark, and finally at the Human Sciences Research Council in South Africa where he headed a unit on Science and Innovation. 'Social science that makes a difference' is the motto of the HSRC, but it could as well have been Jo's.

Jochen epitomized the social network in a deep sense. He knew what was important in life and lived to make it available to anyone. He connected people and created networks in the hope for a better world; and then he connected people to dogs, dogs to horses, horses to prairies, prairies to hikes, treks, cycles, green valleys, steep mountains...

Grazie, Jochen!

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