

Abstract: Erich Zöllner (1916–1996). Papers on occasion of his 100th birthday

On occasion of the 100th birthday of Erich Zöllner, medievalist and professor of Austrian history, a symposium in his honour was held at the Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung (Institute of Austrian Historical Research), where he was active for almost sixty years. Four of the papers given there are published below. Thomas Winkelbauer (Erich Zöllner, medievalist and professor of Austrian history – a short biography) draws an outline of Zöllner's life and career, his achievements and his personality. Walter Pohl (Erich Zöllner as a pioneer of Early Medieval studies) especially evaluates Zöllner's early book „Die politische Stellung der Völker im Frankenreich“ (finished 1940, published 1950) as a pioneering work fundamental for research on the Early Middle Ages in Vienna. Gernot Heiß (The debate on a new history of Austria after 1945 and Erich Zöllner's „History of Austria“, published 1961) places Zöllner's famous „History of Austria“, which was edited and translated several times, in the context of the efforts to establish an Austrian national identity and historiographical narrative in the post-war era. Wolfgang Häusler (Erich Zöllner – teacher, colleague, friend) contributes personal recollections of Erich Zöllner.

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