

Professor Deane E. Neubauer

Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*

Citation

Professor Deane E. Neubauer was born in Racine in south-eastern Wisconsin, USA, at the end of the Great Depression in 1937. He often lived with his grandparents when his parents were out working, a typical story in those days. He sometimes worked part-time to contribute to the family finances. He owes a special debt to his grandparents, who taught him the importance of education.

In 1955, his family moved to California, where he took chemistry at community college, before being drafted into the US Army in 1957. While in the army, he took classes in history and American politics. It was there that he developed an interest in political science.

Back in California, he received a BA in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside. He graduated in the top 1% of his class. As a senior, he served as a research assistant to his mentor, David S. McLellan, and he was appointed a teaching assistant when his course work ended. This was the first time the department of Political Science had made such an appointment. He grew so interested in the field that he chose graduate school over law school.

He attended graduate school at Yale University in 1962 on a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship. He completed an MA and PhD in Political Science in 1965 and 1966 respectively, writing his dissertation under Robert A. Dahl.

In the final period of his PhD, he was recruited by the University of California, Irvine to develop inter-disciplinary social sciences courses as part of its “Charter” faculty in 1965. This was a transformative experience, as Professor Neubauer discovered an interest in Anthropology. He was awarded the US National Science Foundation Fellowship in Science Faculty to work with Mary Douglas, a world-renowned anthropologist at University College London in 1969-1970. He “came out of the experience with what would turn out to be a long-time interest in working across disciplinary boundaries...” While he feels that “accidental administrator” duties held him back, he has a sterling research record: he has written and edited 26 books, published 33 peer-reviewed articles and prepared 142 professional papers.

From 1970-2004, Professor Neubauer was a professor in the Department of Political Science at University of Hawai’i, Manoa (UHM), where he served as founding Dean of College of Social Sciences and the founding director of the Globalization Research Center and as executive director of the Globalization Research Network, which comprised over 45 institutions world-wide in 2005. Between 2001 to 2004, he

served as both the interim Chancellor of UHM and interim Vice President for Academic Affairs for the ten campuses in the University of Hawai'i System. He also worked with the East-West Center, a US-based institution for public diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific region, from 2006 to 2020, where he assisted in founding the Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP), an inter-university research partnership involving 15 universities. APHERP is presently hosted at Lingnan University. His contribution has positioned Lingnan University as a leading hub for higher education research and learning, including the establishment of the MA in International Higher Education and Management programme in 2017.

Since the 1980s, he has served on Higher Education Accreditation teams predominantly in the US but also in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, to promote quality education. Over the years, he has served on 235 dissertation committees, some of them in public health and the physical sciences, which he regards as one of the “most valuable things” he has done. Professor Neubauer has also served the community. He was one of the founding members of a member-owned natural food cooperative on Oahu in 1971 whose aim was and is to boost local food security by growing healthy food.

Throughout his illustrious career, he has received about 30 prominent awards, honours, and grants, including excellence in teaching awards, distinguished awards for service to the community and several US Congress-backed grants to establish research platforms such as the Globalisation Research Centre.

As a lifelong learner, he is currently researching the artificial intelligence revolution and the role it may play in the transformation of higher education. Presently, Professor Neubauer is an Emeritus Professor of Political Science at UHM. Professor Neubauer wishes to underscore his gratitude to his wife, Keiko Sakuma-Neubauer for her steadfast support throughout his complex life journey.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of his outstanding academic achievements and notable contributions to global higher education, it is my utmost honour to present Professor Deane E. Neubauer to you for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*.

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