

Some few people devote their lives to the fulfilment of principles they believe humanity requires. Hans Köchler is one of these few. His vision of peace depends on democratic institutions of governance, an effective United Nations, the full development and enforcement of international law, the protection of the human rights of all, non-violence and reason.

Ramsey Clark, former Attorney-General of the United States, commenting on the book “Democracy and the International Rule of Law,” 1995

If “the world’s a stage,” as Shakespeare had put it, and we merely players, Professor Köchler made several appropriate entrances and played very good parts. In so many instances he was the first to try the new, and make it in time familiar. He observed a world where fair was foul, and foul was fair. His task was to ring out the false, and ring in the true. To many of his contemporaries, he became a guide.

Türkkaya Ataöv, Professor of International Relations, University of Ankara, Turkey, at a book launching ceremony at East-West University, Chicago, USA, 2004

[The member nations] need to take Köchler seriously. Dissecting the ICC model with great dexterity, the Austrian professor successfully promotes interest in a subject that is of the utmost relevance. I would like to see many Indian scholars emulating Prof. Köchler whose work unmistakably bears the stamp of scholarship and clarity of thinking.

R. K. Raghavan, PhD, former Director of India’s Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), commenting on the book “Global Justice or Global Revenge?” in *Frontline, India’s National Magazine*, 2004

This publication provides a complete documentation of Hans Köchler’s writings, lectures and scholarly activities of more than three decades. In addition, it offers a glimpse at the impact of the Austrian philosopher’s thinking on political discourses in South and South-East Asia, in particular the Philippines, where the *Hans Koechler Political and Philosophical Society* (HKPPS) was established in 2004.

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