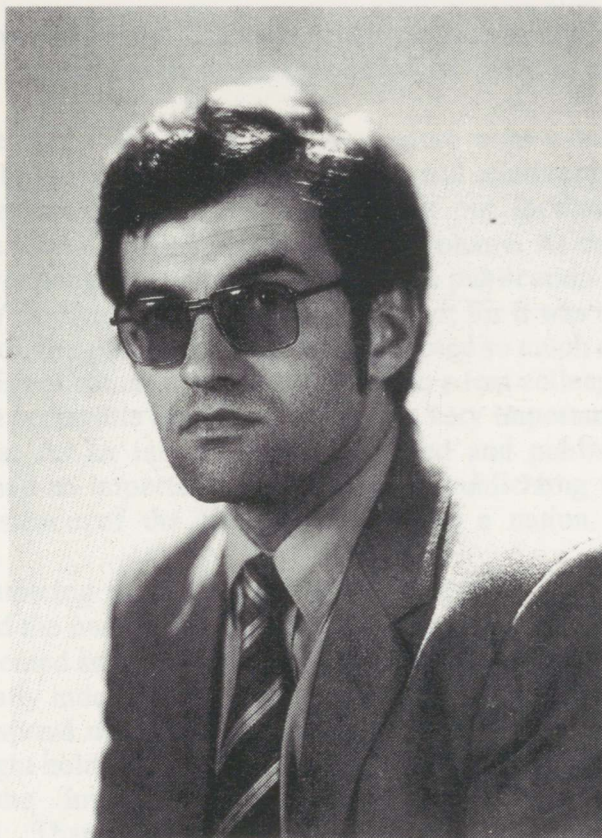


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On 14 August 1994, the Estonian academic community was shocked and struck by the untimely death of one of its leading members, Dr. Andrus Park.

On 16 December 1994, just a few days before what would have been Andrus's 45th birthday, his colleagues, friends, and relatives gathered for a commemorative seminar, where the idea was put forward to publish Andrus's more recent works again in a special volume. As contributors to this volume, we thought the best place for such a publication would be the *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences*, for it was to the present and the future of the Academy that Andrus devoted so much of his energy.

As such, this collection is not just a tribute to a lost colleague. It is also meant to make accessible his works, which are very important for Estonia and in Estonia. As an internationally-respected and published scholar, Andrus Park had an important role to fulfill in publicizing the problems and mere existence of the Estonian people as a nation restoring its independence.

Thus, in gathering these works of Andrus Park for re-publication we hope to expand the number of his readers, while remembering him as one of the most talented and productive social scientists in Estonia.

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