

*Curriculum vitae.*

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I, the undersigned ERNST HARTWIG KANTOROWICZ, was born in 1895, May 5th, at Posen, where my father owned a factory. I was educated at Posen at the Royal Auguste Victoria Gymnasium, a classical state-school, which I left in 1913 after having passed the final examination (Abiturium). As my father suggested to me to join him in his business, I went to Hamburg in order to become acquainted with the world of trade, finance and economics. When war broke out I volunteered, joined the colors and was sent to the front in France in September 1914; July '16 I was wounded in the battle of Verdun; after my recovery I was sent to Russia and, in '17, to a German staff in Turkey. In '18 I returned to the French front where I remained till war ended.

In 1918 I began to study economics and history at the Universities of Berlin, Munich and Heidelberg. My teachers at Heidelberg, where I took my D.Ph. magna cum laude in 1921, were Alfred Weber, Eberhard Gothein, Karl Eampe. My special subjects were Economics and History, Geography and Arabic Philology. For the following 6 years, which I spent at Heidelberg, I worked on a book on the Swabian Emperor "Frederick the Second" (1194-1250), which was published first in 1927, ran through five editions (about 15.000 copies) and has since been translated into English (1931; Constable & Co. Ltd., London). An Italian version is just now prepared by Fratelli Treves at Milan.

After having published this book I spent some time at Rome where I worked at the Vatican Archives and at the Istituto Storico Prussiano. In 1931 I published the second volume of "Frederick the Second", containing the authorities and several researches on the subject mentioned above.

By this time, in 1930, I had received a call to the University of Francfort (Main) as a professor by title (Honorarprofessor), which I accepted. When the chair of Mediaeval History fell vacant in 1932, I became a professor in ordinary at Francfort. The subjects of my lectures were: History of Humanism, History of the Normans, History of Papacy and the political history of various periods.

When the new regime came into power, in 1933, I applied for leave and accepted an invitation of the Warden of New College, the Rt.Hon. H.A.L. FISHER, who asked me to stay at Oxford as an Honorary member of the Senior Common Room of New College for two terms. Living in College I was given the opportunity as well of lecturing on the "Secularization of the Middle Ages" as of tutoring some advanced undergraduates. I also gave lectures at St.John's College, Oxford, and at the Mediaeval Society, presided over by Professor F. M. POWICKE. As I had no longer leave from the German Board of Education, I was bound to return to Germany in July 1934.

In November 1934 I definitely lost my chair at Francfort; I had to retire and became a professor emeritus. From then on I stayed in Berlin, where I continued my researches on "Mediaeval knowledge and education". Most of these researches remained unpublished owing to the fact that Jewish historians were not allowed to publish within Germany. I am now preparing

an English version of these studies, a volume of about 450 pages. Apart from that I began to collect the documents on the History of the Dukes of Burgundy in the 14th and 15th century, and made use of the archives and libraries at Brussels, Paris, Venice, Naples, Mantua and other Italian places, and I also worked at the Record Office in London, the British Museum and the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

In 1938 I began to prepare my emigration because I could no longer continue my work either abroad or within Germany. In December 1938 I succeeded to get my passport. I left immediately for Oxford, where I stayed for two months with the Warden of Wadham College, Dr.C.M.Bowra. In January 1939 I lectured at the University of London and then followed some invitations to lecture at Yale, Harvard and Smith College. I arrived in this country as a Temporary Visitor 1939, February 4th, gave my lectures and had the opportunity, too, of lecturing twice at Columbia University. As I am willing to stay in this country I am looking out for an appointment at a University in the United States.

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