

**PROFESSOR PETAR-EMIL MITEV
(1936–2023)**

Professor Petar-Emil Mitev has left us; for all of us – even though he was over 85 years old – this was unexpected; unexpected because his spirit was young and he had passed on this youthful spirit to us for decades, time and again.

Decades in which he was our teacher: from Sofia University – through the Institute of Youth Studies – to the present day, at the Institute of Sociology “Ivan Hadjiyski”. A teacher not only in theory but also in our civic practices.

In the realm of theory, he was one of the very few who could think without respecting institutional boundaries: for him, the philosophy of German classical idealism, Marx’s critique of capitalism, and sociology of youth lived together.

In his civic practices, he taught us how politics could also be – contrary to everything that surrounded us – an art of the impossible, the art of being able to say “No!”. He taught us what politics of citizens means.

Teacher, we thank you!

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