

A Chat with Deterrence Scholar Brian Forst: A Tribute to Hans Zeisel

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RW: Our interview for this edition of *Theory in Action* is with Brian Forst, Professor Emeritus of Justice, Law and Criminology at the American University's School of Public Affairs, in Washington, DC. Before his 25 years of teaching and research at AU, Brian was director of research at the Institute for Law and Social Research (1974-85) and the

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