

Christie Davies

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Christie Davies (1941-2017) was a graduate of Cambridge University (MA, PhD and Wrenbury Scholar) and for 18 years was (full) Professor of Sociology at the University of Reading UK. His publications about the law include *The Strange Death of Moral Britain* (2004) and (as co-author) *Wrongful Imprisonment* (1973) as well as many articles about criminal law. He has acted by invitation as amicus curiae at the US Supreme Court and provided evidence for the British Law Commission's report "Consent in the Criminal Law" (Report No. 139, 1995). His scholarly publications on humour include *Jokes and Targets* (2011) which includes a chapter on jokes about lawyers; *The Mirth of Nations* (2002); *Jokes and their Relation to Society* (1998); *Ethnic Humor around the World* (1990) and a very large number of articles. Christie's teaching career began in Australia and he was a visiting scholar in India, Poland and the United States. He served as President of the International Society for Humor Studies (2007-9) and received the Society's Life-time Achievement Award, as well as an honorary doctorate from the Dunarea de Jos University of Galati, Romania. His widow Janetta Davies is a leading solicitor for the defence in criminal trials in England and Wales and a former Crown Prosecutor. A memorial service commemorating his life and work was held on 20 January 2018 in the chapel of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

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