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The editorial team at *German Politics and Society* would like to extend the heartiest of congratulations to Professor Andrei Markovits, the founder and first editor of the journal, who received the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, First Class, in March 2012. This accolade represents one of the most supreme distinctions the Federal Republic of Germany confers upon individuals, whether German or foreign. Andy was recognized for the outstanding scholarly contributions he has made in the fields of the humanities and the social sciences, for his efforts to promote a modern understanding of Germany, and for his engagement with German-American and German-Jewish relations. Well done, Andy—you deserve it!