Jaakko Hintikka (1929-2015)

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The distinguished Finnish logician and philosopher Jaakko Hintikka passed away in August at the age of 86 in Porvoo, Finland. He was born in Helsinki in 1929, and he studied at Helsinki University philosophy and mathematics under the supervision of Georg Henrik von Wright and Rolf Nevanlinna. He was a visiting scholar in Harvard University in 1956-1959, and later he acted as a Professor of Philosophy at Helsinki, Stanford, Florida and Boston Universities. His studies focused on modal logic, information theory, philosophy of language and game theory, among others, and he was active to his last days. He acted as a Chief Editor in Synthese Journal and Library in 1965-2002. He also acted as a President or Vice President in Association for Symbolic Logic, American Philosophical Association, International Union for History and Philosophy of Science, Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Institut International de Philosophie. He was nominated to Honorary Doctor eight times. In 2006 the Library of Living Philosophers published a book in honour of him.

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Figure 1: Jaakko Hintikka