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PHILIPP G. FRANK

Dr. Philipp G. Frank, distinguished physicist and philosopher, and retired Lecturer on Physics and Mathematics at Harvard University, has joined the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the current term as Visiting Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Studies.

"Dr. Frank is the acknowledged master today of that line of scientific philosophy which is known as logical empiricism and which has found widespread acceptance among scientists," Dean John E. Burchard said in announcing the appointment.

"Once the successor of Ernst Mach and Albert Einstein as Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Prague, Dr. Frank presents the scientific positivism as Mach created it, in its most advanced form; and his work has become the textbook of a whole generation of scientific philosophers. At M. I. T. he will teach a guest course on the acceptance of scientific theories."

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Dr. Frank was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1884, and at the age of 28 succeeded Einstein in the teaching chair at Prague. He held this post until 1938, serving as Dean of the Faculty of Science in 1934. Dr. Frank had previously been privatdozent of physics at the University of Vienna, where he received his doctorate in philosophy.

After coming to the United States, Dr. Frank taught mathematical physics and the philosophy of science at Harvard from 1939 until his retirement in 1954. He is the author of numerous books, including "Einstein, His Life and Times," "The Law of Causality and Its Limitations," "Relativity--A Richer Truth," and "Modern Science and Its Philosophy."

Dr. Frank has served as president of the Institute for the Unity of Science and the Philosophy of Science Association, and is a member of the Academie International de Philosophie de Sciences (Brussels) and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He holds an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Bard College, N.Y., and is a founding member and member of the board of directors of the Conference of Science, Philosophy and Religion.