

**BERGMAN** Stefan (1895–1977), mathematician. He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1895 in Częstochowa, the son of → Bronisław Bergman and Tekla Tauba née Herc, the brother of → Marta Bergman.

In 1913, he graduated from the government Boy's Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. Later, he studied at the School of Engineering in Wrocław and, from 1915, in Vienna, where he gained his diploma. In 1921, he was invited by Richard von Mises to the Friedrich-Wilhelm University in Berlin (today, the Humboldt University), where he became a member of the Erhard Schmidt Seminary. In 1922, he gained his doctorate. In 1930, after achieving his habilitation, he became a *Privatdozent*<sup>1</sup>, lecturing part-time at the institution.

Due to the growing Nazi threat, in 1934, he left for the Soviet Union and, until 1936, lectured at the university in Tomsk, as well as in Tbilisi, Georgia. Prior to September 1939, he moved to France so as to continue his research work at the Henri Poincaré Institute.

From 1939, he lived in the USA, where he lectured in Cambridge, at Yeshiva College, at Brown University, at Harvard and, for the longest period, was associated with Stanford's Mathematics Institute. He conducted research into space theory - the *Bergman kernel*, named after him. He authored many theoretical works, among them *Integral operators in the theory of linear partial differential equations* (1961) and *The Kernel Function and Conformal Mapping* (1950), which he dedicated to the memory of his sisters Franciszka Anka Bergman and Marta Haltrecht. He died on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1977 in Palo Alto, California.

From 1950, he was married to Adele Adlersberg.

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<sup>1</sup> TN: an unsalaried university lecturer or teacher in a German-speaking country remunerated directly by students' fees.