Hajime Yoshino has been a leading protagonist of legal logic and legal computing in Japan since the 1970s. Coming from the scholar community around Herbert Fiedler, Arthur Kaufmann, Ulrich Klug, Lothar Philipps, Jürgen Rödig, Ilmar Tammel and Ota Weinberger, he has tirelessly advocated the application of logic in jurisprudence and thus also paved the way for legal computing. His mission, which he summarized in the «Logical Jurisprudence», is to further strengthen and expand the formal roots of jurisprudence in the transition field to legal computing.

Professor Hajime Yoshino is pleasant and humorous and it is a privilege to be able to meet him. He stimulates discussions and has an integrative effect.

In the course of designing this anthology it became clear once again that scientific practice is not only concerned with the application of formal logic as a core area, but that the word «formalization» describes a broader field which – assigned to the avantgarde – shapes the intellectual exploration of law and its environment through explicit structuring. The multitude of topics dealt with in this anthology is, to varying degrees of intensity, grouped around Yoshino’s preoccupations with jurisprudence, in which logic and formal thought are of fundamental importance.