Lorenz von Stein (1815-90). A distinguished German political scientist, born at Eckernförde, in Schleswig. He studied law and philosophy at Kiel and Jena; became a professor in Kiel in 1846; and from 1855 till 1885 was professor of political science at Vienna. He published: Französische Staats- und Rechtsgeschichte (1846-48); System der Staatswissenschaft (1852-56); Lehrbuch der Volkswirtschaft (1858, 1878, 1887); Lehrbuch der Finanzwissenschaft (1885-86). Lorenz von Stein (18 November 1815 â€“ 23 September 1890) was a German economist, sociologist, and public administration scholar from Eckernförde. As an advisor to Meiji period Japan, his conservative political views influenced the wording of the Constitution of the Empire of Japan. Biography. In 1848, Stein published a book entitled Socialist and Communist Movements since the Third French Revolution (1848) in which he introduced the term "social movement" into scholarly discussionsâ€”depicting actually in this way political movements fighting for the social rights understood as the welfare rights. This theme was repeated in 1850, when Stein published a book titled History of the French Social Movements from 1789 to the Present (1850).