In an interview, Jan Kmenta discusses topics including: 1. his upbringing and early education, 2. why he bucked the trend and headed to the US, 3. how his dissertation model with its 15 structural equations and identities meshed with other models at the time, 4. what econometrics was like in the 1950s, 5. who the ringleaders were, and 6. the Brookings-SSRC Model Project.