

Tulio Halperín Donghi

The Latin American Studies Association announces with sadness that Tulio Halperín Donghi, immediate past recipient of the Kalman Silvert Award, died on November 14, 2014, at his home in Berkeley, California. He was 88 years old.

Tulio Halperín was one of the most distinguished historians ever to work on Latin America. He authored scores of books and countless articles and commentaries. English-language readers know his magisterial study, *The Contemporary History of Latin America*, but in his native Argentina, it is *Revolución y guerra* that is regarded as the historical inquiry that changed the discipline of nineteenth-century studies. One strand of his voluminous writings on Argentina explored the creation of a new nation in the post-independence era. A second focused on intellectual history, especially in the nineteenth century. A third explored the complexities and consequences of Peronism; Halperín's essays in this area influenced not only scholarly research but also public debates. In the words of one Argentine scholar, Tulio's overall body of work was *punzante*.

As needs arose, Halperín devoted great energy to the enrichment and development of academic life. After the overthrow of Perón, he provided his generation with crucial intellectual and institutional leadership, serving as Dean of Social Sciences at the Universidad Nacional del Litoral in Rosario. He formed and led generations of students with his vast and demanding inquiries. With the Onganía regime in Argentina, however, Halperín began to imagine a life abroad. After a brief tenure at Oxford, he moved to the University of California at Berkeley, where he remained on the faculty until his retirement.

That said, he never severed his close ties with Argentina. With the return of democracy in 1983, Tulio became a central figure in the renewal of Argentine history, as his texts became centerpieces in scholarly debate and the training of younger scholars.

Tulio Halperín's passing has brought forth a tsunami of tributes throughout the United States, Europe, and Latin America. He was a witty and playful conversationalist, a thoughtful observer, a caring mentor, and a devoted friend. We will miss him. We will also have his legacy for decades to come. ■