

*In memoriam*  
**Enrique de la Garza Toledo (1947-2021)**

Enrique de la Garza Toledo passed away on March 24, 2021, at the age of 74. The Research Committee on Sociology of Work (RC30) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) shares in the immense sadness of the international community of labour sociologists, and wishes to highlight his significant contribution to the development of labour and employment studies in Mexico, Latin America and internationally.

Featured as a guest speaker just a month ago in the “Labor Reforms in Latin America in the New Century” session of the IV International Sociology Forum in Porto Alegre 2021, Enrique shared his knowledge of recent transformations, comparing the 2010, 2017 and 2019 labour reforms implemented by very politically different governments. In doing so, he underscored the strengthening of neoliberal trends, and the resulting impacts on the democratization of unions (to watch the freely available session, [click here](#)).

As a PhD in sociology from the *Colegio de Mexico*, a professor at the *Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana*, a researcher emeritus of the *Sistema Nacional de Investigadores*, and a member of the *Academia Mexicana de Ciencias*, Enrique made an undeniable contribution to empirical and theoretical research. He is credited (as a sole or joint author) with more than 40 books, 100 academic articles, as well as numerous chapters and academic and non-academic presentations on the topics of industrial relations, labour processes, workers’ organization and unions, transnational companies, and social methodology and theory. His *Tratado Latinoamericano de Sociología del Trabajo*. (De la Garza, E (Ed.), 2000, edited by *FCE*) left an important impression on the disciplinary field in this part of the world.

A critical thinker who was generous in his remarks to colleagues, Enrique was also involved in current events surrounding workers’ social movements. His analysis and expertise, rooted in his dedication to work, research and engagement, helped build and structure key academic institutions for labour studies. Last but not least, he was an important pillar in training the next generation of social scientists and labour studies scholars. Enrique has left a lasting mark as a researcher, professor and colleague on all those who had the opportunity to read his texts, work alongside him, and exchange views with this great labour sociologist.

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