



Fernando González Rey (27 June 1949–26 March 2019)

It is with great pride and honour that we dedicate this book to our late colleague and friend, Fernando González Rey, who initiated and inspired this project and with whom we worked so pleasurable and productively to bring it to its completion. We deeply mourn his passing and on behalf of ourselves, the series editors and managers at Springer, wish to express our most heartfelt condolences to Fernando's family and close friends. A searing intellect of passion and integrity and a man of joy, love, energy and commitment, Fernando indelibly touched the minds, hearts and souls of all those who met him and knew him. He leaves us a vibrant,

bountiful and productive body of theoretical and empirical work whose relevance and significance can only grow as we learn to face the societal challenges that he insistently identified and addressed.

This volume also represents a renewed affirmation of Fernando's unique status in the contemporary landscape of psychological science. Steeped in the Soviet psychological tradition with its links to Marx and the revolutionary origins of Soviet society, Fernando was at the same time heir and contributor to the radical and socially transformative traditions of Latin American social and political psychology. From that vantage point, he was able to recognize the contradiction between the emancipatory grounding and implications of the Russian Revolution and the intellectual calcification of Soviet science under Stalinist bureaucratic dictates, with all its consequences for the development of psychological theory. This book therefore represents a new stage in his creative struggle to reclaim psychological theory, to make it whole as a tool for confronting both humanity's plight and humanity's potential and for advancing in practice the common good.

It is our privilege to have been able to work with Fernando González Rey on such a bold project, and we hope that the finished work will be a valuable tribute to his cherished memory and his substantial scientific legacy.
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