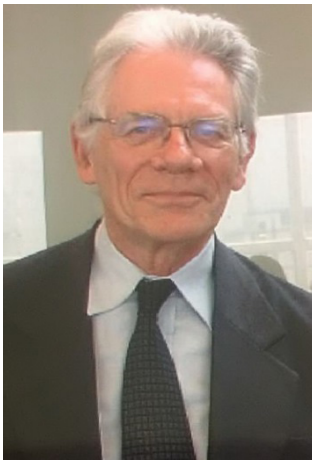


**IN MEMORIAM**  
**WITOLD ZMITROWICZ (1940–2017)**



Witold Zmitrowicz was born on April 11, 1940, in Luçon, department of Vandée in France. He was the son of Polish immigrants, who fled from the Second World War. He spent his childhood in Scotland, UK. In February 1947 his family arrived in Brazil and settled in São Paulo.

In 1962, W. Zmitrowicz graduated in architecture and urbanism at the University of São Paulo (USP). In 1969, he moved to the United States where he developed research in urban renewal projects in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. In 1970, he specialised in housing planning and building at *Bouwcentrum* (the Netherlands). After returning to Brazil, he taught at

Mackenzie University in São Paulo and at the School of Architecture and Urbanism (FAU) – University of São Paulo.

In 1979, W. Zmitrowicz was employed at *Escola Politecnica* (Poli-USP), where he completed his Master's degree (1979), PhD (1984) and post-PhD studies (1997) in civil engineering, and became Associate Professor until his retirement in 2010.

During his work at São Paulo Polytechnic, W. Zmitrowicz's interests focused on spatial organization of cities and territorial structure problems. He was a great enthusiast of history and participated in projects to restore the *Ruínas do Engenho São Jorge dos Erasmos* (a historical sugar plant from the 16<sup>th</sup> century) as a national monument (2008–2009) and *Sao Luiz do Paraitinga* – a historical city hit by landslides (2010).

His biggest passion was the gigantic city of São Paulo. For over 30 years W. Zmitrowicz worked in urban planning for São Paulo Municipality, where he was Director of the Transportation Systems Planning Department, Director of the Multiannual Budget Department and Director of the Department of Territorial Planning and Standardisation. His love for the city made him promote the creation

of the Prestes Maia Prize for Urbanism – named after a former Mayor of São Paulo who supported a far-sighted plan for avenue system in the city. He also was president of CONPRESP, the Municipal Committee for Historical Preservation of the City of São Paulo.

Even after retirement, W. Zmitrowicz continued collaboration with the Academy as advisor in numerous Master's theses and Doctoral dissertations, as well as member of the Centre for History of Science (2009–2011).

In 2001 W. Zmitrowicz joined the Editorial Board of the journal *European Spatial Research and Policy*, for which he organized a meeting in São Paulo and Foz do Iguaçu in 2006. He died in São Paulo on May 26, 2017.

Witold Zmitrowicz is the author of numerous articles and books, among which are:

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