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Simon Schwartzman is currently associated to the Instituto de Estudos do Trabalho e Sociedade in Rio de Janeiro, and visiting fellow at the Centre for Brazilian Studies, Oxford University.. He was until 1998 the President of Brazil's Statistical and Geographical Institute (Fundação Instituto Brasileiro e Geografia e Estatística, IBGE). Between 1999 and 2002, he was the director for Brazil of the American Institutes for Research. He studied sociology, political science and public administration at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil (1958-1961), attended UNESCO's Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Santiago de Chile (1992-3), and obtained his Ph. D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1973.

He has lived in Rio de Janeiro since 1969, working and teaching at the Fundação Getúlio Vargas and, until 1988, at the Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro. He was professor of political science at the universities of de São Paulo and Minas Gerais, and a senior researcher at Fundação Getúlio Vargas. Before that, he was the research director of the Research Group on Higher Education at the Universidade de São Paulo. Short term appointments and fellowships during these years included the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (1978), the Tinker Professorship of Latin American Studies at Columbia University (1986), a visiting professorship at the School of Education and the Center for Studies on Higher Education of the University of California, Berkeley (1985), the Institute of Advanced Studies of the Universidade de São Paulo (1987), the Nabuco Professorship of Brazilian studies at Stanford University (2001) and brief periods as visiting scholar at the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris (1982/3), the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences in Uppsala (1986), and the St. Anthony's College, Oxford (1994). He was for many years the editor of *Dados - Revista de Ciências Sociais*, and belongs to the editorial boards of several academic journals in Latin America and Europe. He is a former President of the Brazilian Sociological Association, was chairman of the research group on the sociology of science and technology of the International Sociological Association; and belongs to the International Statistical Institute and the Brazilian Academy of Sciences. In 1996 he received the Grand Cross of the National Order of Scientific Merit (Ordem Nacional do Mérito Científico, Classe Grã Cruz), from the Brazilian Government

His earlier work dealt with questions of political change in a historical and comparative perspective, with special emphasis on Brazil. More recently, he has worked with the sociological and political dimensions of the production of knowledge, in science, technology and education, and social policy. In 1985 he was the rapporteur of a Presidential Commission established by the Brazilian government to reorganize the country's higher education system, and in 1993/1994 he headed a working group commissioned by the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology and the World Bank to prepare a policy paper for Brazil's science and technology sector. The conclusions of this work were published in a three volume series by the Fundação Getúlio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro. More recently, he coordinated a project for the UNESCO education office in Latin America (OREALC) on the future of education in Latin America and the Caribbean.

His main books include *Bases do Autoritarismo Brasileiro*, Editora Campus e Editora da Universidade de Brasília, 1982; *A Space for Science: The Development of the Scientific Community in Brazil*, The Pennsylvania State University Press (1991 and 2001 in Portuguese); *The New Production of Knowledge* (with Michael Gibbons, Camille Limoges, Helga Nowotny, Peter Scott and Martin Trow), Sage, 1994; *El futuro de la educación superior en América Latina*, The Organization of American States, Washington, D. C., 1996; and *A Redescoberta da Cultura*, Editora da Universidade de São Paulo, 1997. He is the author of about two hundred publications in scholarly journals and collective books, and writes often in the Brazilian press.

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