In Memoriam

A few days after the proofs of this volume arrived, my dear friend and co-author Alex E. Fernández Jilberto passed away. Although he had been ill for quite some time, in the period this book was being prepared he continued working and travelling, and was as involved in this joint project as ever. Only after the manuscript was handed in did it become clear that his health was deteriorating rapidly.

Alex E. Fernández Jilberto was dedicated to advancing critical analyses and contemporary studies on international relations, international political economy and political science, especially those focussing on the Global South and on Latin America. Over the past two decades he initiated a range of topical books and special issues with different co-editors, and he wrote numerous articles, chapters and columns. In addition, Alex was a very active and committed thesis supervisor, educating and nourishing new generations of critical and independent scholars.

While I am sad that I can no longer share ideas, projects, jokes, worries and long coffee meetings with Alex, I am most grateful for all the things we have done together and that I have learned from him.

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