Obituary

Encounters/Encuentros/Rencontres on Education received the sad news of the passing of Dr. Julio Ruiz Berrio, Professor (Catedrático) of the Department of Theory and History of Education, Faculty of Education, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Dr. Ruiz Berrio was a loved colleague and distinguished Historian of Education who mentored generations of Historians of Education. He retired in 2010, and received the title of Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Ruiz Berrio started his career as a professor and researcher with positions in the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas and the Universidad de Madrid (later on called Universidad Complutense de Madrid). At the latter institution, he had completed his Ph.D.

with an Extraordinary Prize. At the Universidad Complutense, he served as Director of the Department of Historical Sciences of Education. In 1983, he became a Professor (Catedrático) at the Universidad de Oviedo, where he served as Director of the Department of Sciences of Education. He returned to the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in 1990.

He rooted his research in archival work and pioneered the creation of educational museums. He was the founding director of the History of Education Museum, "Manuel B. Cossío," at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and founding president of the Sociedad Española para el Estudio del Patrimonio Histórico-Educativo. He served as President of the Sociedad Española de Pedagogía (1971-75); Vice-President of the Spanish Society of Comparative Education (1994-1998); and President of the History of Education as a Teaching Subject and Field of Research, with the International Society for the History of Education (1993-1997).

Prof. Ruiz Berrio was the co-founder of the journal *Historia de la Educación* (1982), and held executive positions in national and international organizations such as the Committee of the International Standing Conference on History of Education (ISCHE). He was a founding member of the MANES Research Project on school textbooks. He published extensively in Spanish and international journals and authored highly praised books, among them: *Política Escolar de España en el Siglo XIX (1808-1833)*, published in 1970; *La Educación en España a Examen, 1898-1998* (1999); and *El Patrimonio Histórico-educativo: Su Conservación y Estudio* (2010). In his capacity as Director of the Department of Theory and History of Education, Prof. Ruiz Berrio fully supported the institutional endorsement of *Encounters/Encuentros/Rencontres on Education*.

He opened new lines in History of Education research in Spain, such as history of childhood, history of education in the Comunidad de Madrid, and museology of education. Prof. Dr. Julio Ruiz Berrio was known for his impeccable scholarship, his sense of collegiality, and his dedication to his graduate students. He had a powerful presence in History of Education in Spain, and his influence will be felt for many years to come.

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