

Harry Triandis: October 16, 1926-June 1, 2019

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Dr. Triandis was born in Patras, Greece and moved to Canada in the late 1940s to study at McGill University, completing his undergraduate engineering degree in 1951 and then moving to the University of Toronto to complete his master's degree in commerce, graduating in 1954. In 1958 he earned his PhD in social psychology from Cornell University, New York, then joined the faculty of the University of Illinois, where he remained for the majority of his academic career. After transitioning to professor emeritus at the University of Illinois in 1997, Dr. Triandis taught at the University of California, Irvine; the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Nanyang Technological University in Singapore; and Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

Dr. Triandis authored more than 200 papers, chapters, and books over a period of 60 years, and was the editor of the *Handbook of Cross-Cultural Psychology* and coeditor of the fourth volume of the *Handbook of Industrial and Organizational Psychology* (1994). He is credited with pioneering the research branch of cross-cultural psychology, and also conducted research in the areas of individualism and collectivism.

Robert Stewart, founder and editor of the journal *Social Behavior and Personality*, in 1971 also completed his PhD in the area of cross-cultural psychology. Dr. Stewart was in contact with Dr. Triandis' research at that time. Later, in 1973, in recognition of the quality of Dr. Triandis' work, Dr. Stewart invited him to serve as one of the founding consulting editors for the new journal, *Social Behavior and Personality*.

Among many awards and recognitions, in 1992 Dr. Triandis received the Centennial Citation from the American Psychological Association "for significant contribution to the establishment of cross-cultural psychology as a distinct discipline," in 1994 he was honored with the Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Psychology and the Award for Distinguished Lecturer of the Year, and in 2002 the Award for Outstanding International Psychologist.

In 2018 Dr. Triandis established the Pola and Harry Triandis Fellowship in Cross-Cultural Psychology at the University of Illinois. Outside of his academic career, Dr. Triandis had a keen interest in classical music, spoke several languages, and traveled widely. He is survived by his daughter, son-in-law, and two cherished grandchildren.