

## **Jose Fernandez Santillan**

Jose Florencio Fernandez Santillan (Mexico City, may 20th, 1953) Mexican political philosopher known for his studies on contractualist theory of the State and his contributions to the debate on civil society and democracy in contemporary societies. He is also known for translating an important part of Norberto Bobbio's work from Italian to Spanish.

Currently he is the director of the Humanities Research Center of the Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico City. He is also a member of the editorial committee of political science of Fondo de Cultura Económica. He is a member of the academic council of the Archivo General de la Nación.

He has participated in several visiting researcher programs in the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Hauser Center for nonprofit organizations, both in Harvard University.

## **Academic Degrees**

In 1976 he became a bachelor on Political Science and Public Administration (UNAM). His thesis was about the public administration in the Mexican colonial period. He graduated with honors.

In 1978 he graduated on a Master Degree on Political Science (UNAM) with a thesis on the public administration during the Mexican Revolution. He graduated with honors.

In 1983 he obtained his PhD on History of Political Thought (Turin University, Italy) with the thesis "Hobbes and Rousseau" which obtained the maximum degree given by the Italian Universities, 110 lode, worthy of being publish.

In 1990 he obtained another PhD in Political Science with the work "Political Philosophy of Democracy". He also graduated with honors.

## **Academic Recognitions**

In 1980 he won the National Award of Public Administration granted by INAP. In 1981 he was distinguish with the National University Award in the area of Social Sciences. He is a member of the National investigator System (SNI) since 1986, achieving the maximum category in the system: level III.

He is also a member of the Mexican Science Academy.

## **Jose Fernandez Santillan's work**

- Hobbes y Rousseau. Entre la autocracia y la democracia, Ed. F.C.E., México, 1988. Presentation by Norberto Bobbio.
- Política y administración pública en México, INAP, México, 1989. (Reedited by the UAM-A)
- Temas sobre teoría de la administración pública, Cuaderno 2 serie: conferencias, México, 1990.

- Locke y Kant. Ensayos de filosofía política, Ed. F.C.E., México, 1992. Presentation by Michelangelo Bovero.
- Filosofía política de la democracia, Ed. Fontamara, México, 1994.
- Norberto Bobbio: El filósofo y la Política. Antología, Editorial Fondo de Cultura Económica, México, 1996 1a. Edición.

Studies and text compilations made by Jose Fernandez Santillan

- Liberalismo democrático: modelo para armar un país, Océano, México, 1997.
- La democracia como forma de gobierno, IFE, Cuadernos de divulgación de la cultura democrática. Cuaderno 3.
- I dilemmi del liberal-socialismo, Nuova Italia Scientifica, Roma, 1994 (in collaboration with other specialist of the subject).

His most recent book is

- El despertar de la Sociedad Civil. Una perspectiva histórica, Editorial Océano, México, 2003.

### **Translations**

As disciple of the Italian Philosopher Norberto Bobbio he has translated the following books:

*Origen y fundamentos del poder político*, Grijalbo. *Sociedad y estado en la filosofía política moderna*, Fondo de Cultura Económica. *El futuro de la democracia*, Fondo de Cultura Económica. *La teoría de las formas de gobierno*, Fondo de Cultura Económica. *Liberalismo democrático*, Fondo de Cultura Económica. *Estado, gobierno, sociedad*, Fondo de Cultura Económica. Other translations: Ermanno Vitale, *Liberalismo y multiculturalismo*, Océano.

He is the author of the Anthology *Norberto Bobbio: el filósofo y la Política*, Fondo de Cultura Económica (1996). Bobbio himself said about this book: "I have no doubt that there is not such anthology of my work, not even in Italy. This book could build a model and, maybe, also an incentive for any Italian editor". Besides this, in 2004 the anthology was translated to Portuguese by the brasilian publishing house Contraponto.

### **International Publications**

In Italy, with some other specialists on the subject, he published the book *Los dilemas del socialismo liberal* with the sponsorship of the editorial house NIS.

In Spain he elaborated the term "Political Change" which is included in the Iberoamerican Enciclopedia of Philosophy.

He has recently published in the Italian magazine Political Theory the concept *Società Civile e Capitale Sociale*", XXIII, nº1, 2007, pp. 71-97.

He has published numerous articles in international magazines specialized on political issues.

**Publishing activity**

He has made several publications in general circulation and scientific magazines as: *Nexos*, *Letras libres* and *Vuelta*. Currently he is an editorial assessor of the magazine *Este País*. He also writes an Opinion Column in the Mexican newspaper *El Universal*.