

Commendation for Tullio Seppilli

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I had the pleasure of meeting Tullio Seppilli several times, in both Rome and Montréal. The father of medical anthropology in Italy, he was a scholar of the first order, and established a politically engaged style of medical anthropology that is historically informed and inspired by the work of Antonio Gramsci. Tullio was particularly attentive to Italy's rural regions, and in addition gave consideration to the relationship between medical anthropology and the health sciences at large. Furthermore, he made the findings of Italian medical anthropology internationally available by giving talks throughout Europe and in South and North America. He lived a long, highly productive life, and set a remarkable example for ensuring generations.