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During his long, distinguished and extraordinarily prolific scholarly career, Boaventura de Sousa Santos has exemplified and thus predicted the key traits of the modern law and society movement: interdisciplinarity, multiculturalism, and an international (now global) understanding of law. In his many writings on subjects ranging from the sociology of law to human rights, from law and democracy to legal pluralism, and more recently to law and globalization – Boa Santos has not only consistently opened up new subjects and perspectives, and developed new concepts for empirical and theoretical analysis in ways that have inspired generations of scholars to follow his interests and example, he has also, just as consistently, championed those excluded from civil society as it is conceived in the Western tradition, seeking new definitions of the key concepts of our time – transnationalism, globalization – that will mobilize rather than disempower the world's majorities. Based since 1965 at the University of Coimbra, Portugal, Boa Santos has taught throughout Europe and the Americas, developing in particular a long and productive relationship with the Law School of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is the author or editor of more than eighty books and countless articles in multiple languages. More important, Boa Santos has never ceased to use his academic expertise and influence to struggle for the disorganized and the disinherited.