

MARTA HARNECKER BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Marta Harnecker is a [Chilean](#) psychologist, writer, journalist and a prominent investigator and commentator on experiences of social transformation in Latin America.

She was a student of [Louis Althusser](#) in Paris. After her return to Chile in 1968 she began a life-long process of spreading the ideas of Marx and Lenin in order to train revolutionary students, workers and peasants. Her books and pamphlets have been widely utilized over the last forty five years by revolutionary parties and organizations throughout Latin America and Spain as well as other countries.

After the counter-revolutionary coup against Allende in Chile in 1973 she moved to Cuba where she became Director of the research center "Memoria Popular Latinoamericana" (MEPLA) in Havana.

She is the author of more than 80 books.

Since the eighties, she has dedicated a great part of her time to collecting testimonies. She has written books about the guerrilla experiences in Central America and Colombia, as well as the political left in Latin America. Some of them have been translated into English.

From 2004 to 2011, she lived in Venezuela, based at the Centro Internacional Miranda research institute, and served as an advisor to President Chávez and to various Venezuelan institutions. Now she lives in Vancouver.

Her book *A World to build (new paths to 21st Century Socialism)* won the “Libertador Prize for the Critical Thinking” in 2013 and was published by Monthly Review Press in 2015.

And it is available now in India by Aakar Books.

Her latest book *Planning from below (A proposal of decentralized participatory planning)* was published in 2015 in Cuba and Spain, and is now in the process of translation into English, inspired in part by the Kerala experience about planning.