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# In Memoriam Roberto Torretti

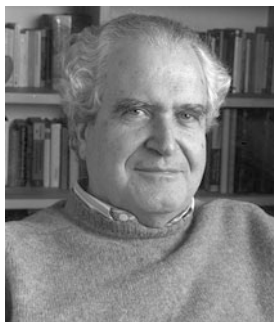
Roberto Torretti passed away on 12 November 2022. His life and work have received extensive recognition and endless praise from his friends and colleagues worldwide. Even though he did not get to see the final version published, he was familiar with this book. The origins of the volume go back to February 2019, when I had the fortunate chance to discuss the project with Otávio Bueno, who strongly encouraged me to proceed swiftly. From the beginning, Roberto Torretti was enthusiastically involved, suggesting names of potential contributors, and providing advice on the book's outline. He felt humbled when he knew the final table of contents, and he was grateful to the authors for their contributed chapters. This volume represents a collective effort to honor Roberto Torretti's name and place in the philosophy of science. He represents an outstanding example of life-long devotion to the field, with exceptional standards of passion, rigor and professionalism that will continue to inspire many over the time.

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Cristián Soto



**Picture 1** Roberto Torretti at the age of 24. Picture taken by Carla Cordua, Chilean philosopher and Roberto Torretti's wife



**Picture 2** Roberto Torretti at the age of 70. By Pablo Hermansen

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