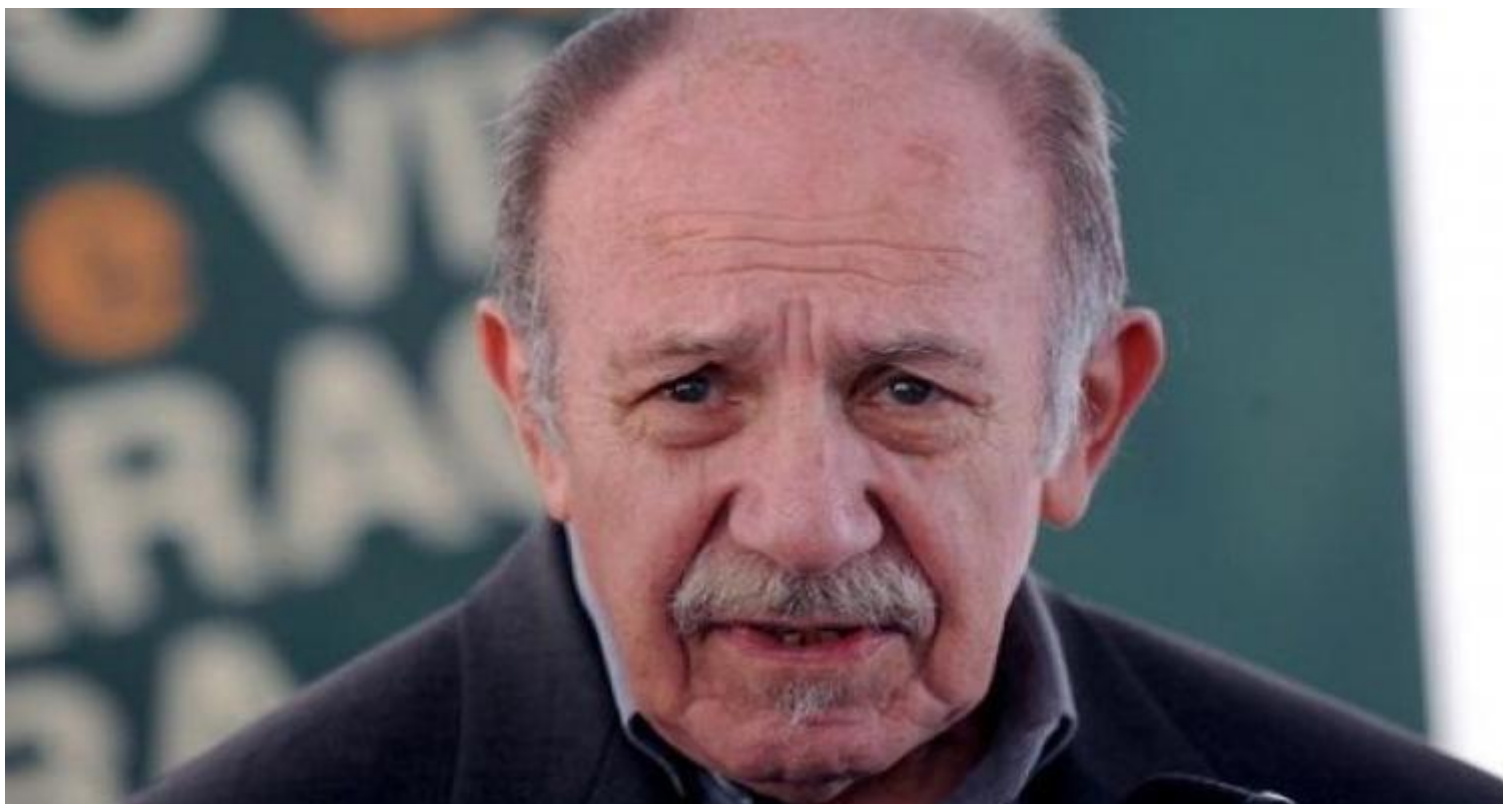


# *Paul Singer, founder of Brazil's Workers' Party, dies at 86*

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**Brasilia, April 19 (RHC)--** The economist and founder of the Workers' Party in Brazil (PT), Paul Singer, has died at the age of 86 in Sao Paulo after suffering an infection. Singer, remembered by many Brazilians as one of the most brilliant intellectuals of his time, was admitted last Sunday at the Sirio Libanés Hospital in Sao Paulo.

The intellectual of Austrian origin was the founder of the Workers' Party (PT) and was key in the construction of the economic program of former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (2003-2010).

The president of the PT, Gleisi Hoffaman, lamented the Singer's death and said that he deserves all the gratitude and recognition. "He leaves an example of political coherence, of Left-wing militancy, of firm and intellectual character that never changed sides," affirmed Hoffmann.

Singer created the concept of solidarity economy in Brazil and was responsible for a development program to strengthen the internal market based on the distribution of income, the economic pillar of the management of former President Lula da Silva.



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