

Tibor Machan (1939-2016)

In Memoriam: Tibor Machan – Professor Emeritus who published more than 40 books passed away at 77 on March 24.

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Trained as a philosopher, Machan joined the Chapman faculty in 2001 and held the R.C. Hoiles Chair in Business Ethics and Free Enterprise in the Argyros School of Business and Economics. In addition to teaching business ethics, Machan occasionally led freshman foundations courses covering topics such as philosophy of commerce and foundations of Western thought.

Among the books he wrote were *Human Rights and Human Liberties*, *Libertarianism Defended* and *The Promise of Liberty: a non-Utopian Vision*. Machan also was a syndicated columnist for *The Orange County Register*.

“Dr. Machan never shied away from an intense discussion on freedom, libertarianism, right to private property and capitalism,” Chancellor Daniele C. Struppa said. “He thrived on heated exchanges of opinion. We will miss his passion for what he believed in and for the exceptional way he structured his arguments.”

In addition to Chapman, Machan taught at the State University of New York at Fredonia, UC Santa Barbara and Auburn University. He also served as a Hoover Institution research fellow at Stanford University, senior fellow at the Reason Foundation and a visiting professor at Franklin College in Switzerland and the U.S. Military Academy.