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Jorge Orlando Melo is a preeminent philosopher and historian who has authored numerous books on Colombia's economy, political life and cultural identity.

Jorge was born in 1942 in Medellín, the country's second largest city and industrial heartland of a territory. He recently published a 300-page book, "Historia Mínima de Colombia", which is a brief history of Colombia. It has already been translated into several languages, including

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Melo earned specialist degrees in Philosophy and Letters from the University of North Carolina and Oxford. Melo held tenure as a Professor of History at Colombia's largest public university, Universidad Nacional, before joining the faculties of Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad del Valle and Duke University.

As a respected columnist in leading publications and creator of an open-source historical archive on Colombia, Melo is a household name for many. He also worked as Presidential Advisor on Human Rights in the Liberal government of César Gaviria and as Director of Libraries and Museums for the Central Bank, Banco de la República from 1994 to 2005.