THIRTY YEARS OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL LITERATURE ABOUT SPAIN

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Note concerning footnotes

Footnotes are not included in this English translation of the original text. However the reference numbers have not been removed so that readers with a knowledge of Spanish or Catalan may consult the footnotes that appear in the other two versions.

FOREWORD

In one of the classes on Ethnology of the Iberian peninsula I gave during the 1983-84 academic year, I discussed with my students the fact that the existing anthropological bibliographies on Spain are obsolete and consequently in need of updating. I also observed that such a task would have to be carried out by a team if it were to have any chance of success. When the class was over, five of the students - Salvador Anton, Josep Lluís González, Cristina Jaumà, Roser Puig and Xavier Virgili - volunteered to work in this direction and a few days later we met to get the preparatory work for our bibliographic project underway.

At this first meeting we felt that the bibliography already compiled by one of the team members (cf. Prat 1977) which, in spite of the date of publication, in fact covered the period up to 1979, might provide a useful starting point. Accordingly we set about systematically completing this reference bibliography, while at the same time drawing up a list of cultural and social anthropologists, both Spaniards and foreigners, whose work has been concerned with Spain. The purpose of this list was, at the same time as we worked on the bibliography itself, to compile an up-to-date directory of professionals in the field of Hispanic anthropology. Though two such directories were already in existence (cf. Jiménez Núñez: *Directorio de Antropólogos Españoles* (1975) and S. Tax Freeman and Laura R. Walters: *Europeanist Social Anthropology in North America. A directory* (1975)), we felt that, on account of the dates of publication and the number of persons included - 65 and 48 respectively -, they might usefully be revised and expanded.

Two sources proved very useful in this respect: the published lists of those present at the Round Table held in September 1975 at the Valle de los Caídos (cf. *Expresiones Actuales de la Cultura del Pueblo*, 1976) and the names

and addresses of those attending the Second and Third *Congreso Iberoamericano de Antropología*, held in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 1983 and 1985 respectively. We were also able eventually to gather a considerable number of names and addresses through the assistance of the following: Angeles Díaz Ojeda, of the Asociación Madrileña de Antropología, who provided us with a list of those registered for the second Congreso de Antropología (Madrid, April 1981); Stanley H. Brandes of the University of California and William A. Christian, who helped us to complete the lists of North American anthropologists; and Janine Fribourg of the Sorbonne in Paris, who did the same with reference to French researchers who have worked on Spain¹.

During October and November 1984 we sent circulars to all the professionals on our lists. In these circulars, written in Castilian, English and Catalan, we defined our objectives and asked them to send us a complete list of their published and unpublished works, especially those relating to Spain, as well as those of a theoretical nature. We also asked for reprints and photocopies of articles with a view to increasing the stock of materials in our possession (which, then as now, was unfortunately very meagre). In addition to sending circulars to authors, we also wrote to the directors of several Spanish publishing houses (2) which, to a greater or lesser degree, were interested in works on anthropology, asking them to send us their latest catalogues and, if possible, their plans for future publications.

In February 1985 we started work on the responses we had received (approximately 30-35 % of the total sent out). This enabled us to establish a fairly exhaustive list of authors. We should in all honesty draw attention to the highly professional reaction of the North American anthropologists, nearly all of whom promptly (ie. by return of post) sent us photocopies of their curricula. Our last attempt at getting answers out of reluctant respondents was made just before the beginning of the 1985 university summer vacation, when another 49 personal letters went out, some of which still received no reply. We hope that all those who refused to cooperate will now at least react with some stoicism when they realize that the lists of their works are not as complete as we, and presumably they themselves, would have wished.

The study we now present, *Thirty Years of Anthropological Literature about Spain*, has nevertheless been possible thanks to the help and disinterested collaboration of many people.

We would like first of all express our thanks to all the authors who sent us their curriculum. This constituted a vital first step in the work of compilation on which we had embarked.

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During the period of over three years we spent on this bibliographical project, we often found ourselves in need of data, particular references or more essential articles and books to complete the information we possessed on particular autonomous communities. In order to fill such gaps we did not hesitate to bother - sometimes even to pester - the following: Marcial Gondar and Xaquín Rodríguez of the Department of Anthropology at Santiago de Compostela; Joxemartin Apalategui and Jesús Azcona of the University of the Basque Country; Angel Gari, Lucía Pérez-Oliver and José L. Acín, members of the Instituto Aragonés de Antropología; Josepa Cucó, of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology in Valencia; and Fausto Sánchez-Cascado, scholar at the Institució Alfons el Magnànim, also in Valencia. Ricardo Sanmartín, Andrés Barrera, José Luis García and Angeles Díaz performed the same task with respect to Madrid and Old and New Castile, while Alberto Galván and Fernando Estévez, both from the University of La Laguna, and Salvador Rodríguez-Becerra of the University of Seville provided us with data to complete the bibliographies about the Canary Islands and Andalusia respectively. All of them displayed exemplary efficiency, for which we thank them sincerely.

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Nor did such shows of encouragement come exclusively from our closest companions. Many authors, in the letters and notes which accompanied the materials they sent, urged us to go ahead with our project. And in this connection, we must admit that we did not always respond with the same courtesy as had been shown to us. The letters that went unanswered and the materials sent that never elicited a note of thanks are a matter of deep

remorse. We wish therefore to make this public apology, and to express our regrets too for any errors, oversights or omissions we may have committed in drawing up this bibliography, *Thirty Years of Anthropological Literature about Spain*, the more technical aspects of which we will now comment upon.

Joan Prat