

Foreword

This ISIMU's volume gathers two groups of different studies, but united by circumstances and the will of the authors. The first part collects the communications of the *II Symposium Internacional. Viginti annis in studiis Orientis (1999-2019)*, course held in the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, on November 26, 2018. The second part shares a group of diverse studies, previously selected, with the intention of bringing together in this twenty-second issue of the journal, different reflections on the research that has been already done in diverse areas, or on aspects especially dear to its authors. In addition, as always, we include a series of reviews at the end.

The effort of all authors to submit their contributions within the requested time frame has been great. We sincerely appreciate it. The urgency was marked by a deadline, which affected one of the coordinators. Thank you all; additionally, since they all help us to fulfill a moral obligation that has been presented to us unexpectedly and suddenly: the death of Olivier Lecomte last January. A colleague and friend of a good part of those of us who present our works here, we thank all the authors that, because of their generosity, this special volume can also symbolize the recognition we owe to a very special person. Thank you all.

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