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In memoriam Ádám Anderle (1943-2016)

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Hungary. He received his D.Sc. title in 1988 for his dissertation, *Nemzetudat és kontinentalizmus Latin-Amerikában a XIX. és a XX. században* (National Identity and Continentalism in Latin America in the 19th and 20th Centuries), that had been published as a book. This monograph had an enormous influence on the young historians beeing at the beginning of their Latin-American studies. And ever since this book exerts a valuable influence on generations of Hungarian students.

In 1991 I was the first PhD student under his guidance. Since then he has sponsored and helped more than twenty colleagues on their path to a PhD. I owe thank myself too to the Professor for the master and student relationship between us. In his late forties, possessing a considerable amount of research and teaching experience, he became the definitive guiding light in my chosen field of studies. We had frequent occasions to discuss about professional issues to the end of his life. I continued to admire his familiarity in professional issues, his receptivity, nuanced way of seeing things, sparkling ideas, active engagement and ever-inspiring personality as a teacher.

The first pillar of his life-work was his pioneering pedagogical activity at the University of Szeged, directing especial attention to the nurturing of talent and the education of a rising generation of scholars. In addition to his graduate students, Professor Anderle had also turned a fine sensitivity and patience toward his younger undergraduates. From the 1990s to the 2010s he had undertaken a guiding role in the organization of the forum for nurturing talent in Hungarian higher education known as Országos Tudományos Diákkör (OTDK - Scientific Students' Association) movement, acting as presiding officer of the OTDK Humanities section (1996-2003) and as member of the presiding board of the OTDK (2003-2015). He edited volumes devoted to the history of the organization over half a century.¹

¹ *A magyar Tudományos Diákköri Konferenciák fél évszázada (1951-2001)* (A Half

Professor Ferenc Glatz (Ádám Anderle collaborated with him in the academic organization) has written that there can be no new standpoint in the writing of history that is not a critique of an earlier one, nor could any new standpoint come into being without the critiqued earlier one. This statement addresses the interdependence of generations. It was well known that Professor Anderle considered himself as the student of Tibor Wittman and had played an active role to preserv the memory of his master. In his writings he also paid homage to Sándor Márki and Gyula Mérei, as well as he followed with lively interest the publications of members of his own generation and of the younger colleagues. He published in Hungarian and in other languages, broad and balanced overviews² of the results achieved by Hungarian scholars in the fields of Iberian and Latin American Studies, with which he was intimately familiar. His activities in the administration of scholarly work built a wide-ranging international network of contacts that assisted and coordinated the work of his Hungarian colleagues. From time to time at various symposia he gathered scholars from his field of studies working at various universities, many of whom were his former students. He was no Ivory Tower recluse, but rather a managerial type leader. He was tireless in the search for financial resources, creating opportunities for travel and publication for younger scholars as well as for graduate departments.³ He organized conferences and published volumes enlisting the collaboration of his

Century of Hungarian Students' Association Conferences), edited by ANDERLE, Ádám, OTDT, Budapest, 2001 (Expanded edition in 2011). *A tehetségről -- beszélgetések a Tudományos Diákkörről* (On Talent - Conversations about the Students' Association), edited by ANDERLE, Ádám and TÖRÖK KOÓS, Erzsébet OTDT, Budapest, 2005.

² See *A magyar Latin-Amerika története kutatások harminc éve* (Thirty Years of Hungarian Research into the History of Latin America), Szeged, 1996. 'Latin-Amerika történetének kutatása Magyarországon (1967-1997)' (Hungarian Research into the History of Latin America, 1967-1997), *Századok*, 3, 1999. 1087-1106. 'América Latina en la historiografía húngara (1990-2000)', *Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas* 38, Böhlau Verlag, Köln/Weimar/Wien, 2001. 365-376. 'Libros húngaros sobre la historia de América Latina. Anuario de Historia de la Iglesia, 15, 2006. 269-274. 'El hispanismo histórico en Hungría', *Spagna Contemporanea*, 28, 2006. 235-239.

³ From 1993 he was the founding director of the department of Hispanic Studies and of the doctoral program in the history of the modern age at the University of Szeged.

circle of students, thereby creating a significant editorial oeuvre. I consider his thematic volumes outstanding examples of this medium.⁴

In the course of presenting the fruits of Hungarian research in Latin American studies Professor Anderle strove to assign the place of his own research work both within the local as well as the international context. His historiographic surveys well demonstrate the broad spectrum of his own personal historical interests, which essentially included the entirety of the Spanish-speaking world, over an extraordinarily ample chronological range spanning the 16th to the 21st centuries. The main pillars of his published oeuvre⁵ are the monographs based on the political and cultural histories of Peru⁶, Cuba⁷ and in recent decades especially Spain⁸ in the modern period. His most recent volume, *Spanyol mozaik: tanulmányok a hispanista kutatások történetéből* (Spanish Mosaic: Essays in the History of

⁴ *Iglesia, religión y sociedad en la historia latinoamericana: 1492-1945*, in three volumes, University 'József Attila', Szeged, 1989. *Estudios sobre transiciones democráticas en América Latina*, University of Oviedo, Oviedo, 1997 (edited with J. GIRON). *A zsidóság a hispán világban* (Jewry in the Hispanic World), Hispania Kiadó, Szeged, 2004. *A magyar forradalom és a hispán világ, 1956* (The Hungarian Revolution and the Hispanic World, 1956), University of Szeged, Szeged, 2007. *A láthatatlan nép: cigányok az Ibériai-félszigeten és Latin-Amerikában* (The Invisible Folk: Gypsies in the Iberian peninsula and in Latin America), University of Szeged, Szeged, 2008. *Latin-Amerika: A függetlenség útjai: bicentenario, 1810-2010*, (Latin America: The Roads to Independence: Bicentennial, 1810-2010), University of Szeged, Szeged, 2011.

⁵ Complete and selected lists of his pre-2008 publications are both available: ANDERLE, Ádám: *Publikációk jegyzéke 1967-2007*, (List of Publications, 1967-2007), Szeged, 2008, and the selected bibliography of Ádám Anderle's works IN: BERTA, Tibor et al. (eds.): *Az identitás régi és új koordinátái – Tanulmányok Anderle Ádám 65. születésnapjára* (Old and New Co-ordinates of Identity: Essays on the 65th Birthday of Ádám Anderle), Palatinus, Szeged-Budapest, 2008. 316-323. For a bibliography updated with post-2008 material, see the MTMT website: Anderle Ádám közleményei <https://vm.mtmt.hu/search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10008162>

⁶ *Vihar a Sierrában. Indián függetlenségi küzdelmek a XVI-XVIII. században*. (Storm in the Sierras: Native Struggles for Independence in the 16th-18th Centuries], Gondolat, Budapest, 1981. *Movimientos políticos en el Peru entre las dos guerras mundiales*, Casa de las Américas, Havana, 1985.

⁷ His outstanding biography of Che Guevara (Pannonica, Budapest 2000) and *Kuba története* (History of Cuba), Akkord, Budapest, 2004.

⁸ *Megosztott Hispánia - Államfejlődés és nemzeti mozgalmak Spanyolországban* (Hispania Divided - Growth of the State and National Movements in Spain), Kossuth, Budapest, 1985. *Spanyolország története* (History of Spain), Móra, Budapest, 1992. *Spanyol királyi dámák* (Spanish Royal Ladies), Gabo, Budapest, 2002.

Hispanic Studies, (Kronosz, Pécs, 2016) appeared a few days before his death. The topics selected and analyzed by him usually transcend the boundaries of national history and oftentimes are aimed to address the entirety of the *Hispanic World* – to use his favorite term – or else they thrust toward the nowadays increasingly popular *global history*. In addition to his many specialized essays his comprehensive works – the above-mentioned *Nemzettudat és kontinentalizmus Latin-Amerikában a XIX. és a XX. században* (Kossuth, Budapest, 1989), his *Latin-Amerika története* (History of Latin America, Pannonika, Budapest, 1998), and his *Modernización e identidad en América Latina* (Hispania, Szeged, 2000) – all reflect his unique point of view, powers of synthesis and the originality of his approach, the lively intellectual energy with which he followed the new, internationally accepted tendencies of his field of studies. It is no accident that he was asked to contribute major essays to international publications.⁹

Ádám Anderle's published work contains, beside those addressed to topics stemming from the *Hispanic World* and introducing these to Hungarian scholars, other studies that represent aspects of Hungarian history for foreign audiences, especially within the context of historical contacts. Several important studies of his in this area were based on previously unpublished sources.¹⁰ This dimension of historical contacts as well as research into Hungarian emigration abroad were probably the topics that elicited the liveliest interest at home, among all the areas of research engaged by

⁹ His major essay *El positivismo y la modernización de la identidad nacional en América Latina* of more than 60 pages in *Anuario de Estudios Americanos* 45, (1988) 419–484., and he contributed to the section titled *El populismo* in *Historia del Iberoamerica*, Madrid, 1988, edited by Manuel Lucena SALMORAL.

¹⁰ He edited, together with José GIRON, *La luz domesticada. Vida y Obra de Nicolás Müller* (University of Oviedo, 1995), and, together with Monika KOZÁRI, *Un Húngaro en el México Revolucionario: Kálmán Kánya Ministro del Imperio Austro-Húngaro en México durante la Revolución Mexicana y la Primera Guerra Mundial* (EDAMEX, Mexico City, 1999). His monograph *Hungría y España: Relaciones milenarias* was published in Szeged in 2007. He also published a number of essays in this area, for example, 'La leyenda negra en Hungría en los siglos 19 y 20', *Revista de Historia*, 6, 1985. 134–160. 'La transición democrática: Nuevo callejón sin salida? Hungría, 1989-2003', *Revista de Estudios Europeos*, 35, 2003. 35-43. 'Fuentes húngaras de la emigración húngara en América Latina', *Ibero-americana Pragencia*, 10, 2003. 49-55. 'Húngaros en el camino de Santiago', *Iacobus: Revista de Estudios Jacobeos y Medievales*, 15-16, 2005. 233–240. 'La intervención española en la revolución húngara según las fuentes húngaras', *Historia Actual* (online), 10, 2006. 115–123.

Professor Anderle and the scholars inspired by him. Significant thematic volumes resulted in these areas as well, such as *A Magyar-katalán kapcsolatok ezer éve* (A Thousand Years of Hungarian-Catalan Contacts, Hispánia, Szeged, 2001), *A magyar kérdés. Spanyol követi jelentések Bécsből 1848-1868* (The Hungarian Question. Spanish Ambassadorial Reports from Vienna 1848-1868, Hispánia, Szeged, 2002) and *A Marosy-iratok. Magyar királyi követség Madridban 1948-1957* (The Marosy Papers. Hungarian Royal Embassy in Madrid 1948-1957, Hispánia, Szeged, 2002), all edited by him. The last major Anderle essay, '*A Rajk-per spanyolországi előzményei*' (The Spanish Antecedents of the Rajk Trial) was published in 2015 in *Századok*.

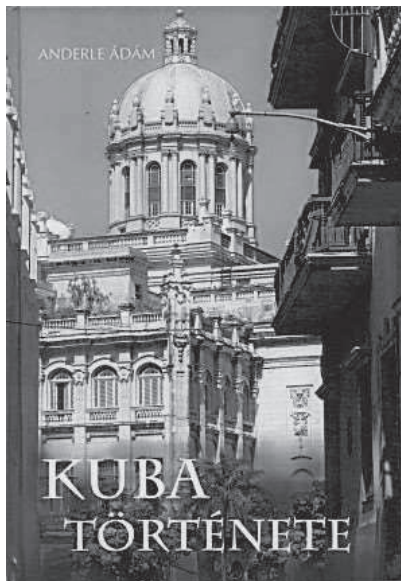
In spite of his severe illness, Professor Anderle kept working till the end. He organized a conference at Szeged on the occasion of the anniversary of the Spanish Civil War, and much anticipated the publication of his new book. He lived to see the volume in print, and to be with us at the conference in spirit, and to hear about its success. He bequeathed for posterity a finished oeuvre that is rich enough to sustain his memory for generations of scholars.

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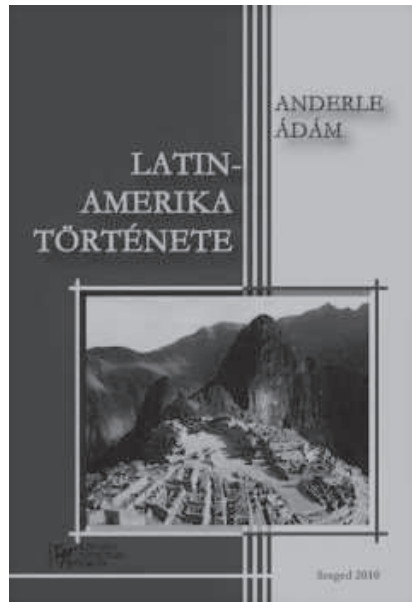


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