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### Preface

The papers in this volume (with the exception of the recently solicited study by Moreno García) were originally presented in the symposium of the same title during the 12th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Zagreb, Yugoslavia (July 24 to 31, 1988). That symposium was initiated and organized by Haskel J. Greenfield, who also took an active part in editing this book.

The volume was to be published many years ago in Budapest. However, the fall of communism, with the associated economic and political chaos throughout Eastern Europe, interrupted the possibility of publication. After a long delay, the publisher was able to revive the project.

It was originally feared that the often dramatic political and economic developments that have taken place since the change in administration, and events such as the war in the Balkans during the last seven years, would invalidate the results of the papers. Actually, Joel M. Halpern has recently remarked on the margin of the proof of his manuscript:

„Please note – this was all done before the wars. If I were writing about these matters now, even though they are historical, I might well have viewed matters with a different perspective.”

Many of us feel the same way. However, the radical changes of the past decade make these studies even more interesting. In many cases, they document a tradition that has been recently disrupted or provide a benchmark for changes up to that point.

*The Editors*