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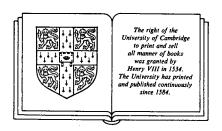
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Preface

The papers in this volume were originally discussed at a Round Table between anthropologists and historians in Paris in June 1980. An earlier meeting on the subject of 'working processes' took place in Göttingen in June 1978, and some of those papers have been published in Robert Berdahl, et al. (eds.), Klassen und Kultur. Sozialanthropologische Perspektiven in der Geschichtsschreibung (Frankfurt, 1982). For both meetings and the production of books, the editors of this volume have cooperated closely with Robert Berdahl, Alf Lüdtke, and Gerald Sider. Our discussions would not have been possible without the institutional base of the Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte in Göttingen and the active support of its director, Professor Rudolf Vierhaus. Over the years, we have also enjoyed close contacts with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris, whose director Clemens Heller has helped establish a fruitful international discourse. Our meeting in Paris was made possible by the joint support of the two institutions. Many of our ideas have been tried out first in discussion with Jack Goody, who has always been a close and helpful friend. During the preparation for the second Round Table, we were able to profit from the advice of Maurice Aymard. Without his help, the meeting could not have gone so smoothly. The essays in this volume by Collomp, Hausen, Sablonier, Segalen, Schulte, and Vernier were translated by J.C. Whitehouse and that by Medick by David Sabean. Stefan Mielke produced the artwork. We wish to thank Maria Pinkert, Brigitte Bartels, and Anita Kulp for the difficult job of typing the manuscripts and revisions over and over in various languages. While this book was in preparation, a version of the essay by Vernier appeared in the Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales (Jan. 1980); that by Collomp in the Annales ESC, 36 (1981). An earlier version of the joint paper by Medick and Sabean appeared in Peasant Studies, 8 (1979).

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