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Sergiu AL-GEORGE: *Selected Papers on Indian Studies*, with the collaboration of Arion ROȘU. Edited by Radu Bercea and Tatiana Segal. Annals of the Sergiu Al-George Institute, volumes II-III, 1993-1994. 175 pp. (Published by the Sergiu Al-George Institute of Oriental Studies, Calea Victoriei 107, 70176 Bucharest, Romania, P.O.Box 1-822/70700, phone /fax (401) 311 11 96; e-mail: iso@dnt.ro.)

Sergiu AL-GEORGE (1922-1981), besides being a laryngologist, worked and published in Romania in the field of Indology during a particularly dark period of that country's history. He has not however been forgotten by his compatriots, who have honoured his memory through the creation of The Sergiu Al-George Institute of Oriental Studies in Bucharest, and now through the publication of a volume of Selected Studies on Indian Studies. All these articles had been published before, and are reprinted in this volume. Two of the articles had been written in collaboration with Arion ROȘU, in the fifties. The latter, who has moved to Paris in the intervening period, has used the occasion of this reprint to revise these two articles.

The volume contains the following articles, in three parts:

I. Religion and philosophy:

“*Indriya* et le sacrifice des *prāṇa*” (in collaboration with Arion ROȘU)

“*Pūrṇaghata* et le symbolisme du vase en Inde” (in collaboration with Arion ROȘU)

II. Pāṇini and Indian linguistic philosophy:

“Language and thought in Indian culture”

“Le sujet grammatical chez Pāṇini”

“La fonction révélatrice des consonnes chez les phonéticiens de l’Inde ancienne”

“L’Inde ancienne et les origines du structuralisme”

“The semiosis of zero according to Pāṇini”

“The extralinguistic origin of Pāṇini’s syntactic categories and their linguistic accuracy”

“Sign (*lakṣaṇa*) and propositional logic in Pāṇini”

“*Lakṣaṇa*, ‘grammatical rule’”

“Are Pāṇini’s *sūtras* descriptive or prescriptive sentences?”

“On negative compounds: a parallel between Pāṇini and Aristotle”

“Metaphor and philosophy: an Indian perspective”

III. Appendices:

“Notes from India”

“La résonance de la pensée indienne dans la culture roumaine”

Other noteworthy features of this volume are a Bibliography of Sergiu AL-GEORGE’s Indological writings, an Index of authors, an Index of Sanskrit and Pāli texts with index locorum, and an Index of Sanskrit and Pāli words. This volume will be welcomed by all those who wish to keep alive the memory of a courageous scholar, who continued working in particularly difficult circumstances.

Johannes Bronkhorst