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As a follow-up to a round-table held last year in Guadalajara, in the framework of the Inter-American Congress of Philosophy, I am editing a book on "Cultural Relativism and Philosophy". In that round-table there was a very strange "confrontation/cooperation" between Latin American and North American philosophers. On both sides there were, on the one hand, those who defended a "cultural" relativism affecting the themes, the methods, the standards of excellence, and the criteria of assessment of philosophy, and, on the other, those who argued for the universality of philosophy (and with it, of "truth", "method", "knowledge", etc.). The former position was held either under the recent impact of critics of "foundationalism" such as Rorty or else in line with earlier "indigenist" conceptions of philosophy, especially in Latin America. The latter, by defenders of the methods of analytic as well as 'traditional' philosophy. The purpose of the book is to allow for a more thorough discussion of these issues, especially regarding the connections between North American and Latin American philosophy. Accordingly, there will be a roughly equal number of contributors from both "origins" and the book will be simultaneously published in Spanish (presumably by the Fondo de Cultura Economica of Mexico) and English (presumably by Brill of Leiden, The Netherlands).

So far, the philosophers committed to contributing are Francisco Miro Quesada (Peru), Fernando Salmeron (Mexico), Leon Olive (Mexico), Michael Krausz (Bryn Mawr), Joseph Margolis (Temple), Eduardo Rabossi (Argentina), Ausonio Marras (Western Ontario) and myself.

I would like to invite you to join us in this project (the manuscript should be completed at the beginning of 1988). I will be glad to provide any further information you may need.

Yours sincerely,


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