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PREFACE

This research group was formed in 1973 and consists mainly of staff members and graduates of Hitotsubashi University. They are specialists in the social sciences: socio-economic and cultural history, geography, sociology, ethnology and philology. Some of our collective study has already appeared in special issues of *The Hitotsubashi Review* (vol. 72 no. 6, 1974; vol. 76 no. 6, 1976; vol. 80 no. 6, 1978) and other publications.

During autumn and winter of 1977 the group carried out a field survey in the Mediterranean islands (specifically, Cyclades in the east, Maltese in the center and Balearic in the west) under a subsidy from the Scientific Research Fund of the Ministry of Education. The papers contained in this book are based on the field survey, the only exception being that of I. Kamoza which is a report of his field research in Germany and Turkey in 1974.

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