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ANDRADE, António Alberto Banha de (Montemor-o-Novo, 1915 – Lisbon, 1982)

He was born in Montemor-o-Novo on 3 September 1915 and died in Lisbon on 5 June 1982. He attended the Évora Seminary and joined the Society of Jesus, where he studied Humanities and Philosophy. He graduated in Historical-Philosophical Sciences and completed a doctorate in History at the University of Lisbon. He was a secondary school teacher, assistant professor at the Higher Institute of Social Sciences and Overseas Politics and, from 1978, professor at the School of Arts and Humanities of the University of Lisbon, where he taught Introduction to Classical Studies. He was a coordinating researcher on the Board, director of the Centre for Classical Studies of the School of Arts and Humanities of the University of Lisbon, which he founded in 1950, and director of the Office of Philosophical Studies of the University Centre of Lisbon. He was vice-president of the Academia Portuguesa de História [Portuguese Academy of History] (since February 1981), a member of the Academia das Ciências de Lisboa [Lisbon Academy of Sciences], the Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa [Lisbon Academy of Geography], the Instituto Histórico e Geográfico do Rio de Janeiro [Historical and Geographical Institute of Rio de Janeiro] and the Instituto Histórico Geográfico de Santa Catarina [Historical and Geographical Institute of Santa Catarina] (Brazil). He was an effective member of the UNESCO Scientific Committee for the drafting of a General History of Africa. He received several honours, including the Instituto de Angola Prize (1955), the National History Prize (1966), and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Prize (1981). He was posthumously honoured by the Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre on 26 June 2013.

He authored a vast body of research on Portuguese History and Culture from the 16th to the 18th centuries, published in books, articles and papers, especially in the fields of religious and cultural history, the history of philosophy, education, colonial and local history. He was the editor (together with Maria Manuela Saraiva) of *Filosofia. Revista do Centro de Estudos Escolásticos* [Philosophy. Journal of the Centre for Scholastic Studies] from Lisbon (1954-1962) and between 1980-1982, he took over the publication of *the Dicionário da História da Igreja em Portugal* [Dictionary of the History of Church in Portugal], of which only two volumes were published (Lisbon, Editorial Resistência) due to his death. His first study on the history of philosophical thought in Portugal was published in the journal *Brotéria* in 1943 ('A Renascença nos "Conimbricenses"' [The Renaissance in "Conimbricenses"]), followed by other articles on authors of scholastic philosophy



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between 1944 and 1950. At the same time, he began publishing his studies on Luiz António Vernei in the same journal, many of which were later compiled and published in book form.

At the beginning of the 1950s, he elaborated on the same topics in the journals *Filosofia*, *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* and *Studia* [Philosophy, Portuguese Journal of Philosophy and Studia]. In the field of the history of religious thought, his work is extensive and his studies on the Oratorians, Franciscans, and Jesuits stand out. Later, he carried out original research into the history of education based on unpublished primary sources, in particular *A reforma pombalina dos estudos secundários no Brasil (1.ª fase: 1759 a 1771)* [The Pombaline Reform of secondary education in Brazil (1st phase: 1759 to 1771)] (São Paulo, Universidade / Saraiva-Livres Editores, 1978), *A reforma pombalina dos estudos secundários (1759-1771): contribuição para a história da pedagogia em Portugal* [The Pombaline Reform of secondary studies (1759-1771): a contribution to the history of pedagogy in Portugal] (Doctoral thesis, 3 vols, Coimbra, By order of the University, 1981); the study *A reforma pombalina dos estudos secundários no Arquipélago dos Açores: 1.ª fase 1759-71* [The Pombaline Reform of secondary studies in the Azores archipelago] (Ponta Delgada, University of the Azores, 1983) was published posthumously. In the year of his death, the Imprensa Nacional-Casa da Moeda published the book *Contributos para a história da mentalidade pedagógica portuguesa* [Contributions to the History of Portuguese pedagogical mentality] (668 p.), which brings together, according to Banha de Andrade himself, 'small studies, published over several years of research, which have contributed, as the first harvest, to larger works (...) small contributions, locked away in journals that are difficult to access and, for many scholars, absent from their own libraries', spread over six long chapters (*Três linhas de pensamento* [Three lines of thought]; *Tomismo e aristotelismo em discussão* [Thomism and Aristotelianism in debate]; *No signo cartesiano e wolfiano* [In the Cartesian and Wolfian sign]; *Filosofia e ciências físicas nos Jesuítas* [Philosophy and physical Sciences in the Jesuits]; *Filosofia e ciências físicas nos Oratorianos* [Philosophy and physical Sciences in the Oratorians]; *Pedagogia e Iluminismo* [Pedagogy and the Enlightenment]), preceded by a short *Necessary Explanation* written by the author.

In his capacity as a researcher at the then Overseas Scientific Research Board, A. A. Banha de Andrade published a wide range of articles on colonial history, including *A política portuguesa em África no século XVIII* [The Portuguese policy in Africa in the 18th Century] (1953); *Many races, one nation. The traditional antiracism of Portugal's civilizing method* (1954) translated into Portuguese the following year so as to be used as a textbook in the courses taught by the National Adult Education Campaign, and both versions had several revised editions; *O mundo em que vivemos: Ásia e África* [The world we live in: Asia and Africa], together with Olga Alves Simões de Carvalho and Artur Anselmo (Lisboa, Verbo Juvenil, 1966); *Mundos novos do mundo (Panorama da difusão, pela Europa, de notícias dos descobrimentos geográficos portugueses)* [New worlds of the world (Panorama of the dissemination of news of the Portuguese geographical discoveries throughout Europe)] (2 vols., 1972); *Antecedentes da travessia de África* [Background to the crossing of Africa] (1981); some of his studies were republished posthumously. In the field of local/regional history, from 1975 onwards, he carried out around fifteen studies on Montemor-o-

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Novo, many of them published in the collection 'Cadernos de História de Montemor-o-Novo' covering the history of the town, festivals and fairs held in the region, the Municipal Archive and its documentation, and the history of Alentejo art. His work on religious history, cultural history and the history of education has kept Banha de Andrade as an indispensable researcher for the development of current and future projects in these areas.

Active bibliography: *Vernei e a filosofia portuguesa: no 2.º centenário do aparecimento do Verdadeiro Método de Estudar* (Braga, Livraria Cruz, 1946); *O tradicional anti-racismo da acção civilizadora dos portugueses* (Lisboa, Agência Geral do Ultramar, 1953); *Antologia do pensamento político português. Século XVI. 1.º vol.: Período joanino*, textos coligidos por... (Lisboa, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Política Ultramarina, 1965); *Contribuição dos Oratorianos portugueses para a formação do Brasil* (Coimbra, Oficinas Gráficas de Coimbra, 1965); *Vernei e a cultura do seu tempo* (Coimbra, Universidade de Coimbra, 1965); *Constantes histórias do espaço português* (in «Problemas do espaço português», Lisboa, Junta de Investigação do Ultramar, 1972, pp. 19-70); *João de Barros. Historiador do pensamento humanista português de Quinhentos* (Lisboa, Academia Portuguesa da História, 1980); *Vernei e a projecção da sua obra* (Lisboa, Instituto de Cultura Portuguesa, 1980); *A pedagogia dos Oratorianos e a didáctica da instrução de base* (tese complementar de Doutoramento, Lisboa, Faculdade de Letras, Universidade de Lisboa, 1981); *O naturalista José de Anchieta* (Lisboa, Centro de Estudos de História e Cartografia Antiga, Instituto de Investigação Científica Tropical, 1985).

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