

Annex: Grothendieck's social microcosm

In relation with the sending out of *Récoltes et Semailles*, Grothendieck established a list of people destined to receive all or part of the work. On the first of these pages, he grouped all these people - in the typical Grothendieckian manner - into different categories. In this manner, one obtains a possibly rather complete overview of the people who played meaningful roles in his life.

The list begins with the group of “*aînés*”, a designation that he often used in his meditations, and that could be translated by something like “older brothers”. In the order given by Grothendieck, these are:

Henri Cartan, Jean Dieudonné, Laurent Schwartz, Godement, Jean-Pierre Serre, Claude Chevalley, André Weil, Jean Leray, Oskar Zariski.

As Chevalley was already dead at that time, he added “Madame” to the name Chevalley, and also that of his daughter, Catherine Chevalley. The name Delsarte also appears in the list, however crossed out.

The next group of names is labeled “*compagnons (ou veuves)*”, companions or widows:

Pierre Samuel, Pierre Cartier, Serge Lang, Armand Borel, John Tate, François Bruhat, Dixmier, Samuel Eilenberg, Malgrange, Paulo Ribenboim, Adrien Douady, Koszul, Barbara Andreotti, Florica Bucur.

It is remarkable that this group mainly contains members of Bourbaki. His acquaintance with these people went back mainly to the fifties and early sixties. (There are three more names in this section that were later crossed out, and are unreadable.)

The next group is labeled “*élèves I*”, i.e. “students I”, and starts with his doctoral students:

Verdier, Demazure, Jean Giraud, Luc Illusie, Berthelot, Raynaud, Mme. Raynaud, Deligne, Jouanolou, Saavedra, Mme Monique Hakim, Mme Xuan Sinh, Yves Ladegaillerie, Carlos Contou-Carrère, John Coates, Mme Buégery, Frans Oort, Dguyen Dinh Ngoc Dinh, Shih Weishu, Peter Blass, Peter Gabriel, Ahmed Seydi, Sin-Min Lee.

Is it noteworthy that Ladegaillerie and Contou-Carrère appear in this list, although he first met them in Montpellier in 1973. The following group is entitled “*élèves II - et collègues ‘d’après’*” (“students II - and colleagues from ‘after’”), in which “after” undoubtedly refers to the “great turning point” of 1970.

Christine Voisin, Jean Malgoire, Marcos Wanderley, Pierre Dampousse, Philippe Delobel, Mamadou Diallo, Olivier Leroy [later crossed out], Allal El Aouni, Wilbert de Lima, Gratien Diagou [unreadable], Lydie Moyal, Lara Ruiz, Zoghman Mebkhout, Youssef Hourizadeh [later crossed out], Horovitz, Lefranc, Pinchard, Marc Grandet, Douglas, and eight more crossed out and unreadable names.

There follows a list of “*collègues et amis ‘avant’*” (“colleagues and friends from ‘before’”), on which apart from Thom the names are non-French; this may be the major difference with the “*compagnons*”:

Hans Grauert, Egbert Brieskorn, Robin Hartshorne, Michael Artin, David Mumford, Heisuke Hironaka, Barry Mazur, Nicolas Kuiper, Jacques Tits, Friedrich Hirzebruch, René Thom, Graeme Segal, Steve Kleiman, Dale Husemoller, Ihor Schafarewitch, Poenaru, A’Campo, Yuri Manin, Nagata, Gelfand, John Nash, Jacob Murre, Lawrence Breen, Anne Husemoller.

Obviously this forms the kernel of Grothendieck’s international circle of mathematical acquaintances, above all in the sixties. Perhaps certain names such as Michael Atiyah were accidentally forgotten here.

There follow a short list of “*collègues ‘après’*” (“colleagues ‘after’”):

Ronnie Brown, Volker Diekert, Uwe Janssen, Kay Wingberg, Norman Walter, Gerd Faltings, Coulibaly, Tim Porter, Chudnovsky, Hans-Joachim Baues.

The end consists of a list of “*amis ‘after’*” (“friends ‘after’”), mostly from the period of *Survivre*:

Denis Guedj, Alain Lascoux, Daniel Sibony, William Lawvere, Gordon Edwards, Stavroulakis, Duskin, Chandler Davis, Abe Shenitzer, André Joyal, Konrad Kiener, Cornel Constantinescu, Derek White, Edouard Wagneur, William Messing, Michel Davand, Youssef Hourizadeh, Jean Delord, Robert Jaulin, Danièle Allouin, Dumitrescu, Jean Picard, Ingrid Augst, Daniel Genin, Ebba Poppendieck, Lorenz Geiger, Gerhard Juckoff, Erika Ifang, Félix Carrasquer, Matilde Escuder, Gisèle and Yab [Sritamanah?], George Chapelle, Christian Bourgeois.

Some further names were again crossed out, most legibly Justine Skalba and Fred Snell.

x x Cartan x Leray x Zariski
 x Dieudonné
 x Schwartz
 x Godement
 < Serre
 x x M. Chevalley x x Catherine Chevalley
 x Weil
~~Schubert~~

"Amis"
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x x Samuel x Halgrange
 x Cartier x x Ribenboim
 x Lang ? ~~Manfred Goren~~
 x Borel
 x Tate
 x Bruhat
 x Dixmier
 x Eilenberg
 x Verdier
 x Demazure
 x Giraud
 x Illusie
 x Berthelet
 x Raynaud
 x Gene Raynaud
 x Deligne
 x Journé
 x Saavedra
 x Jose Makin
 x x Mao Sinh
 x Ladoguille
 x Contou-Carrère

** Barbara Andreotti
 ** Florica Bucur
~~Manfred Goren~~

"Group"
 "amis"
 (ou invités)

x x Christine Voisin x x Zoghman Nebkhout
 x x Jean Malgoire
 x Marcos Wanderley
 ? Pierre Danphousse
 x x Philippe Delobel
 x x Mamadou Diallo
~~Philippe Delobel~~
~~Philippe Delobel~~
 Olivier Leray
~~Philippe Delobel~~
 Allal El Aouni

~~Yusef Hamriche~~
 x x Hörovič
 x Lefranc
 x Molino
 x Pinchard
~~Philippe Delobel~~
~~Philippe Delobel~~
 x x Marc Grandet
 Dardas

élèves I
 (d'assimilés)

Elèves I
 - et collègues
 "d'après"
 "locaux"

~~Philippe Delobel~~
 x x Wilbert de Lina
 x x Lara Ruiz
 x Gruert x Busenüller Ale
 x Brückner x Chafarovich
 x Artin x Penati
 x Mumford x A. Camp
 x Hironaka x Main
 x x Dezur x x Gelfand
 x Kuiper x N. Katz
 x Tita O
 x Hirzebruch x Nash
 x Thoa x Murve
 x Segal x Bruen
 x Weismann x x M. Mollen
 x x R. Brown x Chudnovsky
 x V. Diekert
 x x Hansen, x Wingberg
 x x Norman Walter
 x G. Falting
 x Coulbaby
 x Tim. Proter

Guedj
 Alain Lescoux
 Sibony
 Lawvere
 Gordon Edwards
 Stavroulakis
 Dinkin
 Chandler Davis
 Abe Shenitzer
 André Joyal
 Konrad Kiener
 Corhol
 Constantinescu
 Derck White
 Edouard L'Esperance
 William Messing
~~Philippe Delobel~~
 colligés "après"

Justine Skarber
 x x Yusef Hamriche
 x Jean Delord
 x Robert Jaulin
 x Danile Allouit
 x Dumitrescu
 ? Jean Picard
 x x Ingrid Lugin
 x Daniel Genin
 x Ebba/Lenz
 x x Gerhard/Erka
 x x Felix/Pati ?
~~Philippe Delobel~~
 x x Gisèle, Yab
 x x George Chupella
 x x Ch. Fagnani

amis "après"