PART 1

Historical and Theoretical Context
Allow us, at the outset of this book, to enter into the biographical details of the authors under discussion. The need for such a presentation lies in the fact that in Germany they are practically unknown. While it is true that translations of Adolfo Sánchez Vázquez’s books into English, Serbo-Croat, Portuguese, and Italian exist, as well as translations of his articles – aside from the mentioned languages – into French, Czech, Romanian, and Russian – in German it has only been possible, up to this moment, to read a very short paper and political theoretical talk published in a student journal,¹ and a single German-speaking author mentions him in one of his texts.² It is also true that Bolívar Echeverría occasionally gave minor courses at the Freie Universität Berlin, and that he once spoke at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, but this did little more for the knowledge of his work in Germany than the publication of one of his texts in a political-cultural journal in the same country.³

¹ See the list of translations in the section ‘Bibliography of Adolfo Sánchez Vázquez’, in this book.
² Haug 1981, pp. 528ff.
³ See the ‘Bibliography of Bolívar Echeverría’ in this book.