

Acknowledgements

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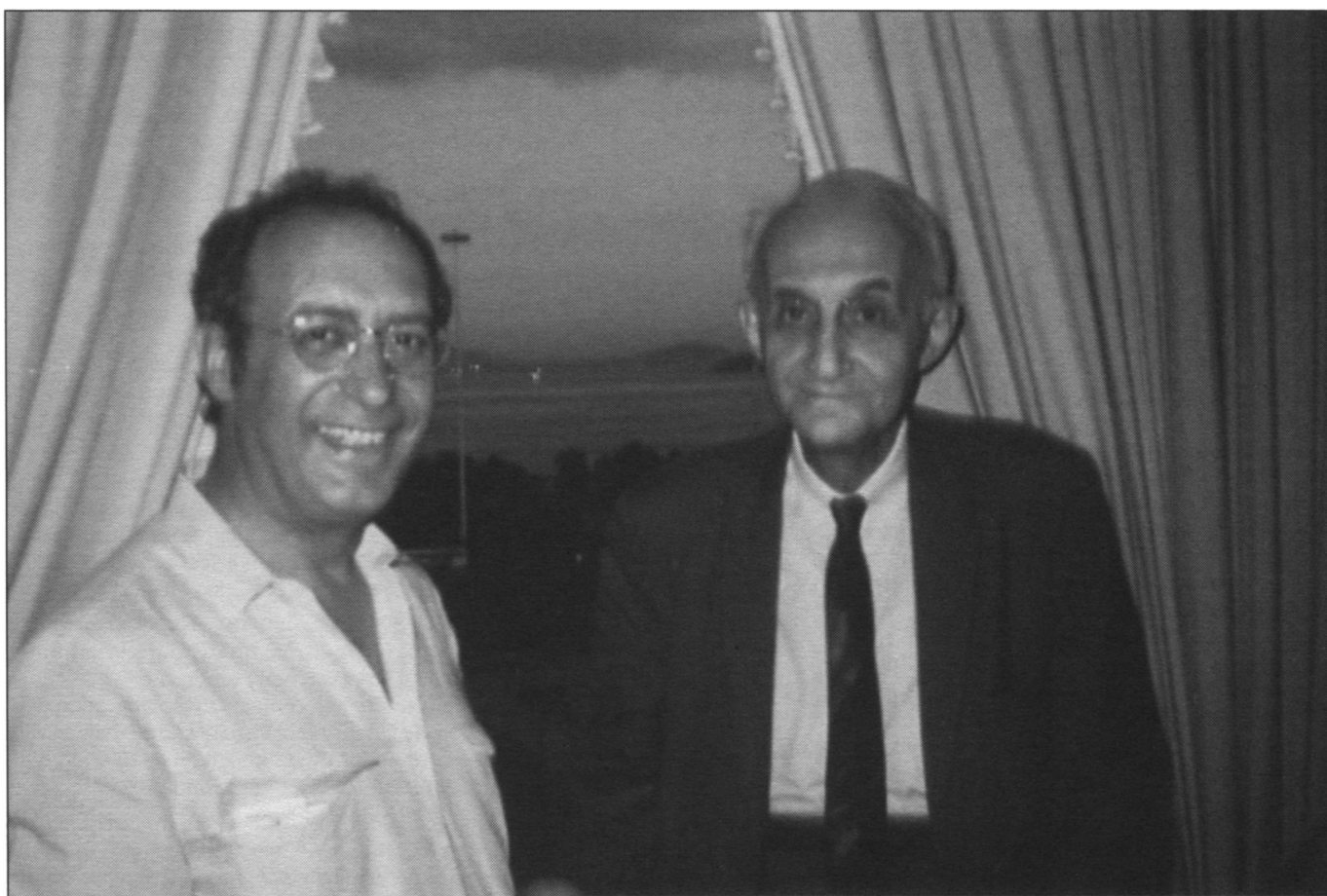


Fig. 1: Jean Gottmann with Calogero Muscarà in Rio de Janeiro, August 1982.

In the steps of Jean Gottmann

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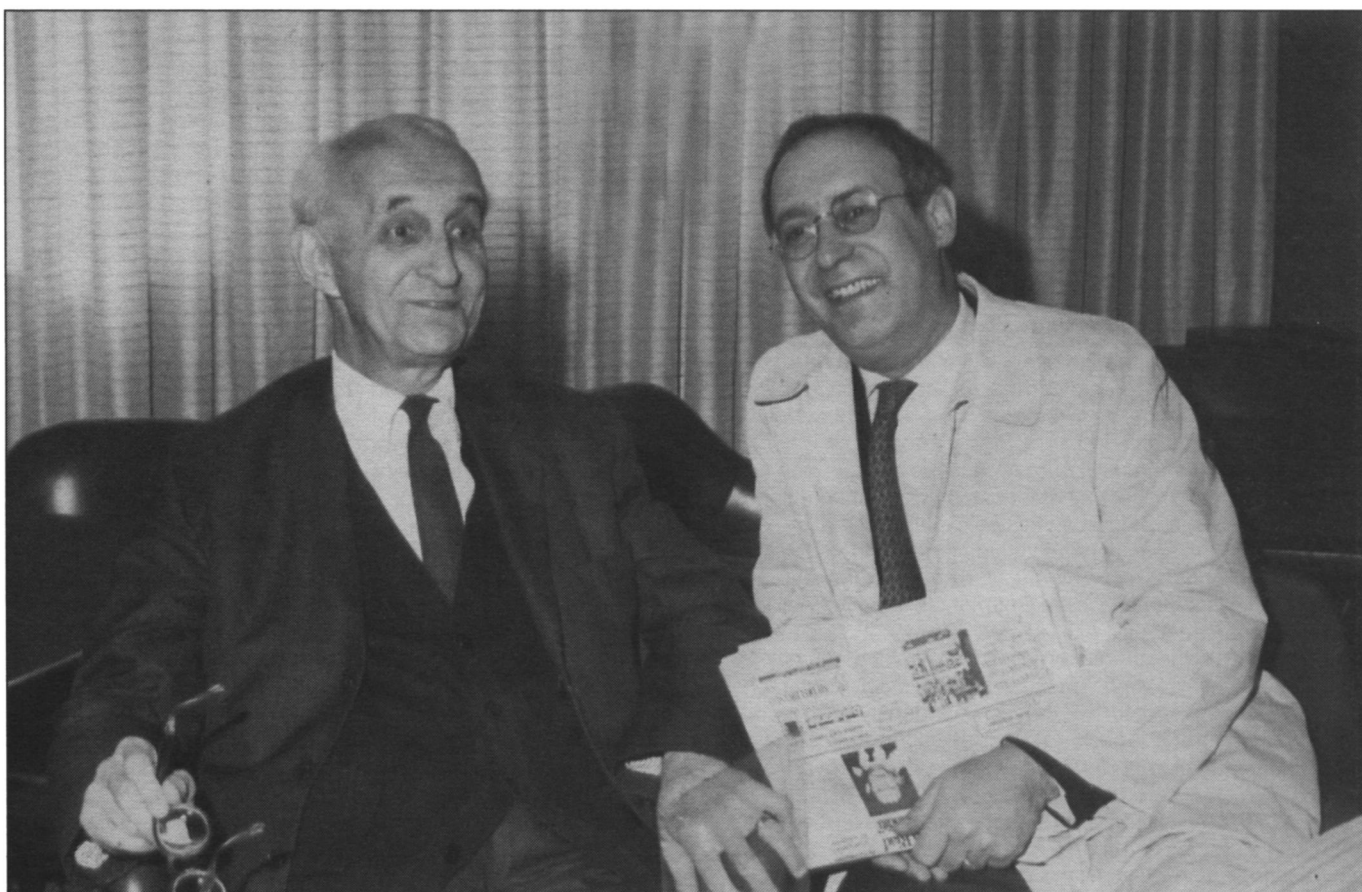


Fig. 2: Jean Gottmann at home in Oxford, during one of Calogero Muscarà's visits in the early 1990s.