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Argentinean literature since the country's independence, in works by canonical authors such as Esteban Echeverría, Juan B. Alberdi, Domingo F. Sarmiento, Lucio V. Mansilla, Pastor S. Obligado, Eduardo F. Wilde, Leopoldo Lugones, and Roberto Arlt. The East, which has always fascinated intellectuals and artists from the Americas, inspired the creation of imaginary elements for both aesthetic and political purposes, from the depiction of purportedly despotic rulers to a genuine admiration for Eastern history and millennial cultures. These writers appropriated the East either through their travels or by reading chronicles, integrating along the way images that would end up being universalized by the Argentinean dichotomy between civilization and barbarism, all the while assigning the negative stereotypes of the exotic East to the Pampa region. With time, the exoticism of the Eastern world would shed its geopolitical meaning and was ultimately integrated into the national literature, thus adding new elements into the Argentinean imaginary. Axel Gasquet is Professor of Latin American Studies at the University Clermont Auvergne, France, and principal researcher at IHRIM of French National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS). He has published twelve monographs, including *La cultura extraterritorial argentina* (2020) and *El llamado de Oriente* (2015), coedited eleven essay collections and edited five critical editions, including *Cultural and Literary Dialogues between Asia and Latin America* (2020) and *José Rizal's Noli me tangere* (2019).

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