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Résumé

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Twenty years ago, at the IEA congress which already took place in Hawaii, Alain Wisner presented an original approach of technology transfers between countries. According to him, it was in fact urgent to develop « a true anthropotechnology, i.e. an adaptation of technology to the people, which just as ergonomics, associates knowledge from the human sciences to improve the design of technical systems... and the scale considered being different, so the sources needed must also be different ». Amongst the « collective human being » sciences called up by Alain Wisner, anthropology was in a good position. It is by pursuing its author's line, reflecting on the objects and methods of anthropotechnology, that this disciplinary field emerging nowadays reaches a form of recognition in national and international institutions, in the « enterprise » sector – considered here in a broad understanding – as much as in the academic world where the first trainings in this realm are rising. Our communication will seek to show the evolution of this field and its contributions on the fieldworks that we are covering today in different countries, thus paying tribute to Alain Wisner's work, its founder.