

*This volume of REA is dedicated to my father-in-law,
Yūnosuke Takahashi (1933–2014) – banker, businessman,
student of anthropology, father, and grandfather, and one of
the greatest men I ever knew – who was growing up in
Akita City while Yoshida Saburō was busy tending to
his farm and writing his dairy in the not-too-distant
village of Wakimoto. Requiescat in pace.*