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This paper will present a series of anthropological analogies and transferences established between societies in both European and North African contexts in late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. For that goal it will focus on the case of Spain and Morocco. By the end of nineteenth century, Spanish historiography and anthropology was completely determined by the africanist paradigm which sought a common origin and ethnic background of Iberian and Berber communities. It will be argued that what really articulated anthropological representations and theories was not a supposed neat differentiation between those areas but, instead, it was produce by the particularities of a common civilizing process, which stimulated interventionist attitudes and conflicts in both contexts.