General Issues

SOCIAL THEORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE


This volume is the first of a series, comprising a full transcription of the seminars that Cornelius Castoriadis (1922–1997) taught at the École des Hautes Études des Sciences Sociales in 1986/1987. In the transcriptions in this volume, edited by Professor Castoriadis himself and the foundation for his unfinished magnum opus La Crédit humaine, the philosopher and co-founder of the journal Socialisme ou Barbarie (1949–1965) deals with the closely related question as to the meaning of “the subject” in current society and the extent to which truth is a social-historical creation of the subject.


Focusing on political economic thought of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries and in particular of Adam Smith and Condorcet, Professor Rothschild aims to reconstruct the political, legal, and philosophical context and disputes that gave rise to modern, laissez-faire economic ideas and their relation to conservative political thought. This might also, according to the author, elucidate the disputes over political economy in present times.

HISTORY


Using a theoretical model of bureaucratization based on Weber and recent theories of globalization, in this study Professor Deflem aims to offer a sociological analysis of the history of international police cooperation in the period from the mid-nineteenth century until the end of World War II. Exploring international cooperation strategies involving police institutions from the United States and Germany, as well as other European countries, he examines the role of police in the nineteenth-century movement towards international independence, international policing aspects of the outbreak of World War I.
and the Bolshevik Revolution; and the international implications of the Nazification of the German police. See also Klaus Weinhauler’s review in this volume, pp. 519–521.


The seven essays in this collection deal with the social, cultural, and political effects of de-industrialization processes in Western and non-Western contexts throughout the twentieth century, exploring the consequences of de-industrialization for working-class families and their communities; how de-industrialization affects working-class culture, trade unions, traditional labour parties, and the regional, social, educational, and cultural infrastructure; and the extent to which gender relations are changed by de-industrialization. Included are essays on South Africa (Franco Barchiesi and Bridget Kenny), postwar Britain (Darren G. Lilleker), the Ruhr region (Stefan Goch), the United States (Robert Forrant, Gregory Wilson), and India (Chitra Joshi). Christopher H. Johnson offers a general introduction on the relation of de-industrialization and globalization.


In this extensive study, the well-known migration scholar, Professor Hoeider, describes and analyses the origins, causes, and extent of human migration around the globe from the eleventh century onward to the present day. With special consideration for the impact of migrations on the receiving countries and the cultural interactions they have brought about, the author argues that understanding societal change requires taking into account the impact of migrations. He concludes that present-day migration patterns have been transformed by new communication systems and other forces of globalization and transnationalism. See also the Review Symposium in this volume, pp. 475–515.


This collection comprises fourteen essays by Paul Lafargue (1842–1911) on cultural and religious issues. Lafargue, best known as the son-in-law of Karl Marx and author of La Droit à la Paresse (The Right To Be Lazy) (see IRSH, 37 (1992), pp. 137f.; 45 (2000), p. 353; and 48 (2003), pp. 508f.), is to be regarded, according to the editor of this volume, as the first exponent of “cultural politics” in Marxism. A common theme in all these essays is Lafargue’s fight against bourgeois concepts (“deities”) such as progress, justice, reason, liberty, civilization, humanity, and nation, which in fact were merely an apology for bourgeois action, or the lack thereof, to protect personal interests.

Examining over 350 images, the authors of this work analyse the iconography of letterheads on the stationery of social-democratic and other leftist political parties and related organizations from the early twentieth century. The topics addressed following the introductory chapter are: symbols of international socialism; Italian socialism; communist symbols; and the period after World War II. The sixth chapter deals with the iconography of websites of organizations from the same political spectrum but with a far broader geographic scope.


This collection of sixteen contributions aims to explore how Western, and in particular European societies, have coped during the twentieth century with the demands on and challenges to the nation-state as a result of ongoing globalization, the impact of this process on the self-perceptions and identities of these societies, and the resulting emergence of transnational public spheres and identities. The contributors focus on three main themes: the field of tension between the nation, Europe, and the rest of the world; the relation of transnational migration patterns, social movements, and transfers of ideas and identities; and transnational non-governmental organizations and networks of experts.


This volume explores the role, position, and divisions of information and communication labour in the broadest sense through periods of revolutionary technological change. The nine contributions range from eighteenth-century German clerical work, through Indian telegraph workers’ actions in 1908, computing labour in early twentieth-century US electrical engineering, the impact of containerization and ICT on South-African stevedores and international seafarers, to the emergence of computer programmers, labour organization in Silicon Valley, and the role of volunteer work in the early development of the World Wide Web. In his concluding contribution, Greg Downey argues that hitherto labour has been largely overlooked in the historiography of revolutions in information technologies. See also Ursula Huws’s review in this volume, pp. 528–530

Comparative History

The thirteen essays in this volume, originating from a conference organized in Washington DC in 1999, examine the culture of Central Africans in the Congo–Angola zone from the sixteenth century onward, the changes that coincided with the rise of the slave trade, and how this Central African culture was transformed in the subsequent diaspora in the Americas. Contributors review the adaptations in the cultural institutions, beliefs, and practices of Central Africans in Brazil, Latin America, and the Caribbean.


This study explores and compares the processes of industrial transformation in Canada and the United States during the 1970s and early 1980s, when plant closings were widespread in the Great Lakes region. Drawing from 137 oral history interviews with displaced workers in Canada and the United States, Professor High aims to offer a regional analysis of the resulting economic, social, and cultural devastation, and of the different ways that Canadian and American mill and factory workers interpreted their own displacement. The author concludes that the disruption caused by the plant closings was filtered through national contexts. See also Robert Forrant’s review in this volume, pp. 534–536.


The fourteen essays in this volume, based on a conference organized at the Institute of Social Movements of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum in October 1999, offer a comparative analysis of the history of two different migrant groups in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Europe, with similar backgrounds, age structures, and religious cultures. Both Irish and Polish migrants were mainly rural, predominantly young and single, and for the most part adherents of distinctive forms of Catholicism. After two general comparative essays, six contributors deal specifically with Irish migration to Britain, four with Polish migration to Germany and Western Europe, and two with Irish and Polish immigrants in the United States. See also Leo Lucassen’s review in this volume, pp. 521–524.


This dissertation (Freiburg i. Breisgau, 1999) compares the reactions of the German and the British central trade-union federations – the ADGB and the TUC – to the mass unemployment during the Great Depression in the 1930s and the related political unrest. Dr Kaiser compares the social origins and voting behaviour of the unemployed, economic and political changes during the period in both countries, the organizational leeway...
available to the unions, industrial relations, programmatic reactions to the economic crisis, and the federations’ attitude to political extremism. She concludes that the differing political cultures in both countries were of decisive importance.

**CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**


Examining the Caribbean community, both in Britain and in the Caribbean itself in recent years, Professor Goulbourne poses three central arguments in this study: the concepts of “diaspora” and “Caribbean diaspora” are problematic; the African and Caribbean diasporas are integral parts of the wider Atlantic, rendering a distinction between the West and the rest pointless with respect to the Caribbean; and the need for empirical validation and theoretical information to make discussions about Caribbean transnationality meaningful. He explores, among others, the common Atlantic heritage, social and economic contexts of Caribbean transnationality, and transnationality of families.


In this collection, Professor Huws brings together eleven essays that are revised versions of texts published between the late 1970s and the early 2000s and which deal with the consequences of the recent revolutionary advances in information and communications technology (ICT) for the workplace and for workers worldwide. Focusing in particular on the position of women in the workplace and at home, both as workers and as consumers, she examines how the ICT revolution changed categories of employment, modes of organization, and divisions of labour, leading to the emergence of what she labels a “cybertariat”: large groups of workers with insecure, flexible, and often part-time employment relations. See also Nicole Mayer-Ahuja’s review in this volume, pp. 531–533.


Social exclusion, as a result of unemployment and poverty, and the emergence of an underclass have become frequent subjects of debate in social sciences and politics in Western societies in recent decades. This study aims to give an overview of these phenomena and the related debates. Dr Kronauer examines the French origins of the social exclusion concept and the American background of the underclass concept, the elaboration of these concepts in social sciences, their relation to urban issues, and the challenges they present for democracy.
AFRICA


This textbook about African history differs from most in that it is not intended to be comprehensive. Professor Cooper begins his history around 1940, and argues that regarding independence as a less rigid cut-off point than usual will make for a better understanding of the period as a whole. His analysis revolves around the “gate-keeper state” concept. Control over the “gate” between the new state and the rest of the world determines the course of political development. Professor Cooper published previously on post-emancipation societies in Beyond Slavery: Explorations of Race, Labor, and Citizenship in Postemancipation Societies (2000) (see IRSH, 47 (2002), p. 320). The book features brief bibliographies in each chapter. The full bibliography appears on: http://publishing.cambridge.org/resources/0521776007/80731.doc.

Algeria


The city of Constantine, Algeria, under Ottoman rule at the end of the eighteenth century, was governed between 1771 and 1792 by the singular and enigmatic figure of Sâlah Bey, whose reputation as a self-willed and autonomously operating governor and brutal end have made him legendary. In this study, Dr Grangaud offers a social history of the city in this period, focusing on social networks and the organization of the jurisdiction, to provide a context and background to the dramatic events leading to Bey’s death.

Nigeria


In colonial Nigeria many ethnic Igbo (Ibo) migrated to Kano, which was dominated by the Islamic Hausa tribe. The Christian Igbo worked for the expanding sector of the colonial state. In 1966 riots erupted in the north, and many Igbos fled to the south. After their defeat in the war of secession over Biafra (1967–1970), the Igbos returned to Kano. The author argues that ethnicity can be both a destructive and a healing factor. The healing role is demonstrated by the success of the Igbo in Kano in the period 1970–1986. At present, religious tensions, which incite ethnic hostility between Hausa and Igbo, appear to predominate.
Bibliography

Rwanda


This book examines relationships in the stone and roof-tile industry in Rwanda, disclosing the socio-economic relationships that led to genocide. Central topics include the transformation of gender, class and power relations during the precolonial, colonial, and postcolonial periods. The author bases this investigation on two case studies about two different regions. The concluding chapter is of a more general social-historical nature and attributes the genocide of 1994 to the combination of rapid impoverishment, the pressure of population expansion on the available land, and the merciless ethnic exploitation of the greed and prejudice of the masses by a small, parasitic elite.

AMERICA


The contributions in this collection focus on indigenous social movements in the Guatemalan highlands and Amazonian lowlands of Colombia and Brazil, in order to examine the success of these movements in recent decades in asserting the right of indigenous people to greater cultural autonomy and self-determination. The contributors, anthropologists and indigenous leaders from the United States and Latin America, deal with questions such as who speaks for indigenous communities, the position of engaged anthropology in this respect, how indigenous movements relate to global transformations and to the popular left, and how conflicts between the national indigenous leadership and local communities play out in specific cultural and political contexts.

Brazil


This practical volume was written in the autumn of 2002, when the success of the fourth attempt by Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to become president of Brazil was imminent. The work is based in part on Brazil: Carnival of the Oppressed published by the same authors in 1995 and features a history of the Partido dos Trabalhadores (PT), Lula’s personal experiences, and the course of events in Brazil under Cardoso that preceded 2002. This last chapter revolves around Brazil’s debt problem. Hilary Wainwright wrote a concluding chapter about local politics in the PT stronghold, Porto Alegre.

The eleven contributions in this collection primarily examine the local politics of the Brazilian Workers’ Party (PT). Prior to Lula’s victory in the 2002 presidential elections, the PT expanded into a formidable local force. The best-known case is Porto Alegre, where participatory citizen councils determine municipal expenditures. The authors, who are from Brazil, the United States, and the UK, also review the situations in Belém and São Paulo. In early 2001 Marta Suplicy was elected mayor for the PT in that metropolis, an event also discussed in a contribution about gender issues.

Guatemala


After the fall of dictator Ubico in the October Revolution of 1944, Guatemala experienced a decade of political freedom and social emancipation commonly known as “the time of freedom”. Focusing on two plantation zones in this study of rural workers in this revolution, Professor Forster aims to redress the conventional historiography of the period, which overlooks the critical role of the plantation workers in achieving agrarian reform and consequently in the entire revolution.

Haiti


This book brings together thirteen essays on the history of the Haitian Revolution of 1789–1803 by a leading expert in the field. Eleven of the thirteen chapters are revisions of essays previously published between 1978 and 1997. After a general overview of the revolutionary events, which included the largest slave uprising in the Americas, Professor Geggus examines the historiography, its causation, the relation between slaves and free coloureds, and the broader impact of the Revolution.

Mexico


This dissertation (University of Hanover, 2001) examines the origins and development of urban social movements in Mexico in the immediate postrevolutionary period (1918–1932), and their impact on the political and societal development of the country. Focusing on the trade-unionist movement and the tenant-strike movement in the cities of Veracruz
and Orizaba, Dr Behrens sets out to demonstrate that, especially as a result of the active role of women, these movements played an active and autonomous role in the transformation of Mexico in the first half of the twentieth century.


This ethnographic study of popular politics in contemporary Mexico examines the views of working-class men and women of democracy, on both a national and a neighbourhood level, and analyses their reason for participating or declining to participate in social movements, party politics, and the electoral process. Focusing on the residents of a working-class neighbourhood in Mexico City, Professor Gutmann examines specifically how these people believe that democratic politics can change their lives. See also Jonathan T. Hiskey’s review in this volume, pp. 536–539.

United States of America


This study offers a detailed examination of labour markets and employment relations in Silicon Valley, and analyses how workers and employers in this heartland of the “new economy” deal with the growing volatility in work demands and the consequent increase in flexibility of employment relations and uncertainty for workers. Professor Benner focuses on the increasingly important role of labour-market intermediaries that have emerged in recent decades, some of which are modelled after pre-industrial forms of labour organization, such as guilds. See also Ursula Huws’s review in this volume, pp. 528–530.


Los Angeles is the home of the largest concentration of people of Mexican descent outside Mexico City. This study explores the development of the Chicano movement in this city in the 1960 and 1970s, focusing on four organizations that are central to this movement: the Brown Berets, the Chicano Moratorium Committee, the La Raza Unida Party, and the Centro de Acción Social Autónomo (CASA). Professor Chávez chronicles the ideas and strategies of the movements’ leaders and adherents, and critically analyses the concept of Chicano nationalism against the broader background of the Chicano movement in the United States.

This volume, a sequel to the Dictionnaire biographique du mouvement ouvrier français, the biographical dictionary of the French labour movement series (see IRSH, 46 (2001), pp. 145f.), consists of 1,000 biographical entries on French-speaking republicans, revolutionaries, and socialists who found temporary or permanent refuge in the United States between 1848 and 1914, and in many cases pursued social improvement and reform in the United States. The 41 theme-based entries highlight the broader social and political context of social reformism and militancy of French-speaking activists in the United States.


This study, the English translation of an Italian study, Famiglia a stelle e strisce, published in 1993, focuses on the Scovill Manufacturing Company of Waterbury, Connecticut, the largest brass manufacturer in the United States during World War I, to examine the relationship between war propaganda and government regulations, on the one hand, and business culture and immigration, on the other. Professor Fasce argues that government pressure, the need to stabilize the large immigrant workforce, and the success of World War I stimulated the organizational and cultural transition of the American industrial world toward systemic management.


The Free Speech Movement (FSM) originated at the University of California at Berkeley in the autumn of 1964, when student activists struggled to get the restrictions on campus political activity rescinded. This collection encompasses both scholarly articles and personal memoirs of persons involved in the FSM, including the leader, Mario Savio. The contributions deal with subjects such as the origins of the FSM in the civil rights movement, political tensions within the FSM, the day-to-day dynamics of the protest movement, the role of the Berkeley faculty and its various factions, the 1965 trial of the arrested students, and the far less known “little Free Speech Movement of 1966”.


Focusing on the arenas of citizenship and labour, in this book Professor Glenn analyses the roots of the persisting inequalities of race, gender, and class in a comparative study of three regions in the United States. Following an overview of the concepts of the free worker and
the independent citizen as perceived at national level, she explores how issues of race and gender shaped regional and local struggles over labour and citizenship rights between blacks and whites in the South, Mexicans and Anglo-Saxons in the southwest, and Asians and white planters (haoles) in Hawaii.


Examining the steel industry and the role of the industrial unions in the city of Pittsburgh from the mid-nineteenth through the twentieth century, in this study Professor Hinshaw explores the particular political economy of industry and its labour relations to establish how Pittsburgh became prototypical, first of an industrial city and a centre of successful industrial unionism, and then of a centre of de-industrialization and decline, eventually becoming one of the most successful postindustrial cities in the present-day United States. He devotes special attention to the role of racial discrimination in industry and the labour unions.


This study of the rise of American trade unions in the past two decades is intended as an interim assessment of the innovation drive that has emerged in the trade-union movement in response to the neoliberal offensive of the 1980s, and the decline in support for the traditional trade unions. The author argues that the success of this much-needed reform strategy, aimed at a more contentious stand towards employers and greater consideration for the grassroots and rank and file, depends largely on the measure of support that remains among workers for any kind of unionization.


This volume encompasses a broad selection of the correspondence of the Quaker activist reformer, Lucretia Coffin Mott (1793–1880). Mott was active over an extended period in a broad range of reform movements, including temperance, peace, equal rights, women's suffrage, non-resistance, and the abolition of slavery. She was founder and leader of antislavery organizations, such as the racially integrated American Antislavery Society, and helped organize the Seneca Falls Women’s Rights Convention in 1848. The selection encompasses both letters to other reformers and fellow Quakers and more personal correspondence to and about her family.

In this volume Professor Roediger has brought together thirteen essays on race and the critical study of whiteness and racism in the United States, all but two of which were previously published between 1995 and 2000. The issues covered range from topical issues on race, race relations, and racism in the present-day United States to more historical-critical studies, including essays on W.E.B. Du Bois and black radicalism, and the relation between white working-class immigrants and racism. In the concluding section, the author discusses the future of race relations in the United States.


Thorstein Veblen (1857–1929) is generally considered to be one of the major American sociologists and economists and an important critic of American culture and society, especially in the seminal work on consumerism, The Theory of the Leisure Class (1899). This study offers an introduction to his work and a reassessment of Veblen as social critic. Dr Spindler sets out to place Veblen’s thought in its historical and intellectual context and to evaluate his influence both in his own time and in later decades.

Asia

China


This textbook offers a documentary history of Mao’s role in the development of modern China, combining a comprehensive introduction to the events in twentieth-century China with selected Mao texts from three different periods: the rural revolution in the 1920s and 1930s, the political revolution in the 1940s, and the Utopian social revolution of the late 1950s and 1960s. These are followed by several writings about Mao, including Edgar Snow’s famous interview with Mao from 1936, memoirs of his doctor, and secondary texts on the significance of Mao for China.

Sri Lanka


This study examines the origins and growth of an indigenous bourgeoisie in Sri Lanka under British rule. Tracing Sri Lanka’s evolution from a “feudal” society and mercantilist economy into a plantation society and economy, Professor Jayawardena explores how local merchants of different castes, ethnicities, and religions accumulated capital through various economic
activities and, gradually subverting the old caste-based division of labour, advanced to bourgeois class status. She examines how this new bourgeoisie embraced Western culture and lifestyles, basically collaborated with colonial rulers, and was obsessed with land acquisition and social status, especially on issues of political reform.

EUROPE


The twelve contributions to this volume, based in part on papers presented at a conference on historical writing towards the third millennium organized at the University of Warwick in 1997, review the major cultural transformations in France and Britain in the years between 1750 and 1820, an era generally labelled as the Age of Revolutions. Included are contributions by David Bell on war propaganda and national identity in eighteenth-century France; Gareth Stedman Jones on the new social history in France; Carolyn Steedman on servants in England during this period; Carla Hesse on feminism in the French Revolution; and Barbara Taylor on Mary Wollstonecraft.


As a follow-up to the much debated Le Livre noir du communisme (1997), this collection, edited by Professor Courtois, comprises sixteen contributions on crimes and human rights violations by communist regimes and parties in Europe during the twentieth century. The contributors in the second part focus on Estonia, Bulgaria, Romania, and the GDR and those in the third part on Greece and Italy. In the first and most extensive part, the editor takes issue with the manifold and multifarious criticism on the Livre noir from both (former) communists and others, and the changing academic climate in the West towards communism in the post-Soviet era.


This monograph studies the Soviet-East German alliance from Stalin’s death in 1953 through the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961 and describes how the East German regime resisted Soviet pressures for liberalization as a solution to the German refugee problem, and instead convinced the Soviet Union to allow them to build the Berlin Wall. In reviewing the particular course of events, the author sheds new light on this critical episode in the Cold War. The evidential foundation of the book consists of archival documents from both the Soviet Union and the GDR, as well as interviews, memoirs, and contemporary printed documents.

This book examines how in communist Europe the overall historical, political, economic, and social contexts affect people’s repertoire of contention, and how the political elite dominates society through a powerful state apparatus and prevents resources for popular grievances from being translated into collective opposition. The empirical focus of the book is directed at three historical events: the imposition and consolidation of collectivization in the Soviet countryside between 1928–1934, the Hungarian Uprising in 1956, and the rise and fall of the Solidarity movement in Poland in 1980–1984.

Eire – Ireland


In this analysis of racism in Ireland in recent decades, the author argues that, despite a history of colonial anti-Irish racism, Ireland itself was never immune to racist ideologies, and that the recent rise in immigration and the emergence of new immigrant communities of black and ethnic minorities has intensified this racism. Dr Fanning deals with the relationship between ideological forms of racism and its consequences for black and ethnic minorities, the issue of nation-building, Ireland’s response to the Holocaust, the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, and the politics of Traveller exclusion and multiculturalism in Ireland, and analyses the mechanics of exclusion resulting from institutional racism within political and administrative processes.


This study uses a broad range of sources, from newspapers to pamphlets, vernacular songs, and published sermons, to chart the impact of the American Revolution on Irish opinion and the evolution of views there on the subject. Dr Morley presents a chronological review of the attitudes of the Anglican, Catholic, and Presbyterian communities from the beginning of the colonial unrest in the early 1760s until the end of the hostilities in 1783 and reassesses the influence of the American Revolution on Irish developments such as Catholic relief and British recognition of Irish legislative independence.

France


In this social history of the city of Nantes from the start of the July Monarchy to 1848, the author examines consecutively the local demise of the old guild system and the rise of workers’ mutualism and early syndicalism; the emergence of Utopian socialism and early
communism; the rise of public health provision and policies; the turmoil within the Catholic church; and the local impact of the events of 1848 on the city. In a panoramic final chapter, he describes the city’s infrastructural, educational, cultural, and commercial transformations in this period.


This study recounts the background and circumstances around the trial of Pierre Mendès France (1907–1982), a prominent member of the Radical Party and member of the Popular Front government of Léon Blum, who was tried for desertion by a military tribunal of the Vichy regime on 9 May 1941. Professor Bredin, a prominent magistrate and member of the Académie française, focuses in this essayistic history on the legal issues surrounding this highly politicized trial and its aftermath.


In the summer of 1841, a new levy on housing instigated a widespread popular revolt, particularly in southern France, and bloody insurrections in the cities of Toulouse and Clermont-Ferrand. In this study based on legal source texts Professor Caron explores these events to analyse to what extent the revolt can be considered an archaic form of anti-tax protest, stemming from pre-Revolutionary times, or should be seen as a transitional event from a traditional form of social violent protest into a modern politicized revolt.


Railroad workers in France have a longstanding reputation for being combative and radical, as highlighted by their famous strikes in 1910 and 1920 and their active role in the resistance during World War II, in the aftermath of May 1968, through recent strikes in 2001. This study explores the demographic, political, organizational, technological, and cultural characteristics of the railroad workers to place this reputation of militant railroad workers as a group in its historical perspective.


The twenty-eight contributions to this volume are the proceedings of a series of seminars, organized between 1997 and 2000 at the Université de Paris 13, on communism and social movements in the Paris region in the period 1920–1960. The contributors explore the ways that communism took root in the region, dealing with themes such as the image and representation of communist politics; the Paris region as a target of communist

This is a guide to printed materials available at various French resource centres on the history of the Congrès du monde ouvrier, the Workers’ Congresses, and the manifold labour movement and socialist organizations that derived from them, from their beginnings in 1873 until 1940. Preceding the bibliographic guide is an introduction to the eighteen French organizations that are collaborating in the Collectif du Centres de Documentation en Histoire ouvrière et sociale (Codhos).


This is the first of two volumes of the memoirs of the leading French sociologist Michel Crozier, well-known in part for his work on bureaucratization and on the social position and class consciousness of white-collar workers (see IRSH, 10 (1965), pp. 503f., and 17 (1972), p. 758). Covering the years 1947–1969, he describes his youth, his apprenticeship as a young sociologist, his period in the United States, his political adventures on the radical left, and his experiences during May 1968.


This study explores, based on secondary sources, the emergence of French republicanism as a leftist political current and its relation to the French nation in the period between the July Monarchy and the end of the Second Empire in 1870. Dr Darriulat indicates five principles that identify leftist republicanism in this period: universal suffrage, reference to the Enlightenment heritage, the secular state, attention to social questions, and patriotism. The topics he addresses include the revolutionary heritage, republican Anglophobia, and the role of republican Messianism in 1848/1849 and afterwards.


This study aims to offer a comprehensive historical account of the rural uprisings in the southwest of France in the ten years of the French Revolution, which have become particularly famous through the novel by Eugène Le Roy, Jacquou le Croquant (1899). Based on a detailed exploration and chronological overview of the rebellious activities directed against the landlords, covering an area of almost 2,000 villages in the region, Dr Delpont aims to demonstrate the importance of the rural masses in the southwest during the Revolution.

The law of 25 March 1919 established the legal foundation for collective agreements in France. This study explores the legal debates that preceded this law in the context of the social and labour struggles at the beginning of the twentieth century. Using these debates and case law concerning collective agreements as sources, Dr Didry aims to show how the labour legislation resulted not from a linear social progression but from the interaction between the political and economic demands of the labour movement and the various legislative bodies involved.


Originating in the late nineteenth century, the colonies de vacances were a vast network of summer camps created for French working-class children, providing rural retreats intended to restore the fragile health of poor urban children. In this study Professor Downs focuses on the municipal colonies organized by the banlieues, the working-class cities of the Paris red belt, to examine the rise of this charitable institution, and to analyse how diverse groups, both local socialist and communist leaders and Catholic seminarians, aimed to use these summers to shape the minds and bodies of working-class youth, based on ideals of the collective life of children.


The meeting of the French National Assembly on the night of 4 August 1789 is generally seen as the moment the ancien régime formally ended. This study examines the renunciations of privileges made by all three estates in the kingdom during this meeting, and analyses how this affected the estates and the National Assembly itself, and served as an important foundation for subsequent developments in the French Revolution. Arguing against those historians who disparage the importance of the meeting, Professor Fitzsimmons concludes that the meeting of 4 August also exemplified the opportunity to accomplish revolutionary change through peaceful means.


Thousands of French Jews joined the French communist party, the PCF, after World War II, despite the frequent overt anti-Semitic policies of the Soviet Union. Based on interviews
with 100 men and women who were – and in some cases still are – active communist militants, Dr Frémontier aims in this book to analyse the appeal of communism for these people: to what extent did it serve as a new identity, and what were the similarities between the Jewish religion and culture and sympathy for communist ideals?


In April 1848, in the aftermath of the first elections with universal suffrage, workers in the city of Limoges disarmed the bourgeois national guard and controlled the city for several days. In this study Dr Grandcoing uses micro-history methods to examine the social processes at play in the construction of individual and collective political representation during these events, and analyses to what extent this working-class revolt heralded the entry into political modernity and the advent of modern urbanization under the influence of industrialization.


This study aims to offer both an intellectual biography of Emmanuel-Joseph Sieyès (1748–1836), one of the main political and constitutional theorists of the French Revolution, and an analysis of his political philosophy. Dr Guilhaumou argues that language dominated Sieyès’ concept of the working of the political mind. His theoretical work on political metaphysics before 1789 became concrete in his work on the new constitution, with which he introduced a new political language. In the last part of his study, the author deals with Sieyès’ political-philosophical debates with the German philosophers, Humboldt and Fichte.


In this *Festschrift* for the French social and agricultural historian, Jean Sagnes, in recognition of his retirement, twenty-two contributors explore a broad range of subjects relating to his fields of research. Based in Perpignan, Professor Sagnes has written extensively on theoretical and historiographic issues, regional labour and the socialist history of the Midi and the Languedoc, the history of viticulture in these regions, and the corresponding history of rural labour.


This volume encompasses both a biographical sketch of the French rural communist leader, Renaud Jean (pseudonym of Jean Jean, 1887–1961), and his “notebooks”, which include the diary he kept during his detention from 1939 to 1941 and the memoirs he wrote.
at the end of his life, in which he accounts for his political activities within the French Communist Party (the PCF) and the Comintern, but primarily expounds his ideas on the role and position of farmers and farm workers and the importance of rural France. The annexes comprise documents relating to his Comintern activities, such as letters from Zinoviev and Trotsky to Jean.


This study analyses popular songs in nineteenth- and twentieth-century France that relate to French colonialism and the anticolonial struggle. In chronological sequence, the authors review songs during the conquering of Algeria and the colonization period between 1880 and 1930, the anticolonialist tradition in songs, exoticism and eroticism in songs about the colonies, the rise of nationalist songs in the 1930s, songs about colonial wars in Indochina and Algeria in the 1950s, songs related to decolonization and globalization, and the rise of “world music” in recent decades.


In the history of French social security, the city of Rouen exemplifies a specific form of community-based public assistance, known as the *système rouennais* and developed at the end of the nineteenth century. This two-volume study gives a comprehensive history of the relation between community-based, private forms of charity and modern forms of nationally organized social security, focusing on Rouen from the end of the Directory to 1927.


This volume comprises three texts by Louise Michel, two of which were hitherto unpublished. *Lueurs dans l’ombre, plus d’idiots, plus de fous*, originally published in 1861, is presented in the first part of this volume together with another early text, “Le Livre d’Hermann”, published here for the first time. “Livre du bagne”, the longest essay in this volume, was written at extended intervals during the various periods of imprisonment that Louise Michel endured between 1872 and 1884. In all three texts, she deals with the impact of confinement and detention on the human spirit, a comparison of insanity and crime, and the confinement of the insane and of criminals.

This is a new edition of a pioneering study of strikes and strike movements in France during the early Third Republic, including the end of the Commune and the first general strike in France, originally published in two volumes in 1974 (see IRSH, 19 (1974), p. 467). An abridged version appeared in 1984 and was entitled Jeunesse de la grève (see IRSH, 30 (1985), p. 158) and translated into English as Workers on Strike (1987). In the preface to the present edition, Professor Perrot reflects on the responses to the book and the course of her own career as a social historian in the broader context of the development of labour history in France over the past thirty years.


This study deals with the followers of the French Utopian thinker, Claude-Henri de Saint-Simon (1760–1825), who, in a few decades from the 1830s onward, formed an active social reform movement, focusing on issues such as women’s liberation and industrial development. In addition to analysing the place of Saint-Simonism in the history of Utopian thought, Dr Picon explores the rise and social composition of the movement, its relation to the world of science and technology, and the ideas emerging from the movement on town planning, architecture, and urban management.


With the start of the Terror in September 1793 and at the onset of the uprising in the Vendée, Jean-Baptiste Carrier (1756–1794) was dispatched by the Convention to Nantes to restore order for the Republic. This study recounts Carrier’s activities in the city of Nantes at the end of 1793 and early 1794, when under his zealous direction some 10,000 people were put to death as alleged counter-revolutionaries and enemies of the Republic, until in February 1794 he was called back to Paris and ultimately condemned to the guillotine himself in December 1794.


On 2 July 1792, a battalion of 450 volunteers left Marseilles to march on Paris – expanding en route into a group of 500 – to help defend the young Republic in the insurrection and taking of the Tuileries on 10 August. They were eternalized through the battle hymn Rouget de Lisle composed for them: La Marseillaise. This biographical dictionary of the battalion of 10 August features biographical entries on these 500 Marseillais, including their geographical and social backgrounds and their subsequent fate and careers. An extensive introduction places the history of the battalion and La Marseillaise in a broader context.
In this biographical sketch of Louise Michel (1830–1904), intended for a general readership, Mrs Ribeyreix gives a chronological overview of Michel’s transformation from a teacher, with a strong literary gift, involved in social causes into an active participant in the Paris Commune, and relates her experiences in exile in New Caledonia and her rise to the position of a celebrated anarchist at the end of her life. The annexes include a number of her poems.

This study deals with the development of the French Communist Party (PCF) view of pacifism and its positions on war and peace, summarized in the paradoxical motto “lutte pour la paix”, the struggle for peace. Covering the period of World War I and the protohistory of the PCF to the beginnings of the Cold War, Dr Santamaria explores the origins and background of communist hostility towards pacifist currents on the left, and analyses the communists’ efforts to mobilize popular antiwar sentiments in the interwar years for their own political aims, navigating between revolutionary ambition, pacifism, and nationalism.

The ten contributions to this collection deal with the changes in political, intellectual and literary discourse and semantics in Germany in the period of the Vormärz and during the decades after 1848, when the concept of modernity in a broad variation of metaphors dominated political and cultural discourse. The subjects covered by the contributions include the use of the metaphors of youth and old age (Rainer Kolk); an analysis of Marx’s Achtzehnte Brumaire (Volker Kaiser); the invention of a modern kind of intellectual (Jürgen Fohrmann); Jewish emancipation in this period (Bernd Fischer); and the changing position of women in the 1848 discourse (Barbara Hahn).

The ten contributions to this collection offer reviews and summaries of a selection of German social scientific empirical research on the experience of unemployment and the unemployed, from the period of the Great Depression until the present. Among the contributions are a review of a classical sociographic study of the unemployed in Marienthal from 1933 and of an extended study of unemployed youth in the immediate postwar period (the editor); a summary of a study of the everyday experiences of the
unemployed in the early 1980s (Erich Kirchler); and overviews of studies of unemploy-
ment in the former GDR (Toni Hahn and Berthold Vogel).

Armut und Armutsbekämpfung. Schriftliche und bildliche Quellen bis um 1800 aus Chemitz, Dresden, Freiberg, Leipzig und Zwickau. Ein sachthe-

This two-volume publication offers a theme-based inventory of textual and visual source material on poverty and poverty control in the early modern period until c.1800 in the Saxon cities of Chemnitz, Dresden, Freiberg, Leipzig, and Zwickau. The work presents information on relevant sources from twenty-eight archives, museums, libraries, and collections, encompassing a broad range of materials from certificates, acts, chronicles, maps, newspapers and periodicals, paintings, etc.


In this volume, thirty-two letters from German emigrants, originating from the region between the cities of Krefeld and Düsseldorf, are published, together with biographical sketches of all the emigrants involved. All texts are in German as well as in English. The emigrants left for the United States between 1835 and 1884.


This book offers a concise introduction to the life and literary work of the German novelist and antifascist activist Adam Scharrer (1889–1948), the author of influential novels such as Vaterlandslose Gesellen. Das erste Kriegsbuch eines Arbeiters (1930) and Maulwürfe. Ein deutscher Bauernroman (1933), which he wrote while in exile in Prague. The final chapter of Maulwürfe is published here in French, with annotations that place Scharrer’s political criticism of Nazism in a historical context.

Groß-Berliner Arbeiter- und Soldatenräte in der Revolution 1918/19. Dokumente der Vollversammlungen und des Vollzugsrates. Vom General-

This third and final volume of the source publication on the Groß-Berliner Arbeiter- und Soldatenräte (see IRSH, 40 (1995), pp. 168f., and 44 (1999), pp. 526f. for the first two volumes) connects chronologically to the previous volume and covers the final months of
the German Council Republic from March 1919 until its actual end in July of that year. The volume features 101 documents, including protocols, announcements, and other related documents of the plenary assemblies and of the executive committee of the various councils. The introduction offers a political and organizational overview of the Council Republic in this period. The documents are once again arranged chronologically, and indexes of persons and subjects have been appended.


This study examines the various forms of forced labour and forced labour education during World War II in the jute factory in Ahaus, Westphalia, near the Dutch border. Mrs Große Vorholt examines the different groups put to work there, including Polish and other Eastern European workers, Dutch and Belgian female migrant workers, and German women forced to work as part of a labour education programme, supervised by the Gestapo. She deals with working conditions at the factory, living conditions and treatment in the camps, the leeway available to the factory management, and de-Nazification in the postwar period.


After Italy’s capitulation in September 1943, around half a million Italian military internees were sent to work as forced labourers in the German armaments industry. This revised dissertation (University of Trier, 1995) provides a detailed description of living and working conditions, the Nazi supervision agencies involved, changes in the circumstances of the internees at the final stage of the war, and their liberation, repatriation, and failed re-integration in the immediate postwar period.


Starting with a critical analysis of official, “bourgeois” definitions and methods for quantifying poverty, as practised by government agencies in Germany in the recent past, this study examines in what measure German trade unions use these same definitions and methods, and how this influences the trade unions’ attitude towards poverty in Germany. Mr Hines finds that the definition of poverty, as used by the trade unions, does not accommodate the expanding poverty and pauperism that has resulted from the recent processes of individualization, economic modernization, and globalization, and proposes conceptual and practical changes in trade-union policy towards poverty.

These are the memoirs of a Dutch student who was put to work as forced labour at the Volkswagen plants in Germany from May 1943 to May 1945. Mr ’t Hoen sketches everyday experiences, the labour regime, the way he was treated by the Nazi guards, and the frequent tensions with, and social exclusion by, the local population. In the introduction, Dr Grieger describes the general context of forced labour in Nazi Germany.


Planning and control of the labour force was central in the GDR planned economy. This study explores the emergence of control over the labour force from the end of World War II, when forced employment prevailed in the phase of economic reconstruction, through the period of the extension of central economic planning, until the beginnings of the New Economic System of Planning and Direction in 1963. Focusing on raw materials and heavy industries, Dr Hoffmann aims to show that the development of central labour planning and control was not a continuous linear process.


This dissertation (Eberhard-Karls University, Tübingen, 2002) examines the origins and rise of a local women’s movement in the city of Heilbronn in Baden-Württemberg between 1900 and the end of World War I. Dr Koch reviews the origins of the women’s movement in charity activities and associational life, the proliferation of the women’s movement in the local public sphere and in local politics, and explores the acceleration of women’s emancipation and growth of female employment as a result of the war.


This dissertation (University of Bremen, 2001/2002) explores the National Socialist ideas and plans from 1913 onward for a (re)colonization of Africa. Dr Linne analyses how Nazi planners devised an economic and social colonial policy to use Africa as a colonial expansion territory that might raise the German standard of living. He shows how the Nazis were preoccupied with the “labour question”: the supposed manpower shortage and
migrant labour, which they intended to solve through a complex system of labour recruitment and labour control, supervised by “white labour guardians”. See also IRSH, this volume, pp. 197–224.


This study examines the c.250,000 Holocaust survivors who converged on the American occupation zone of Germany in the years 1945–1948 and were commonly known as the She’erith HaPleitah, the “Surviving Remnant”. Focusing on the initial responses of this group to the tragedy that overtook them, Dr Mankowitz aims to tell the story of these survivors from their own perspective, and to show how they envisaged themselves as the bridge of life between destruction and rebirth and were thus able to deliver remarkable social and political achievements, despite the enormous sufferings they had undergone.


The Ortsgruppen, the basic local organizational form of the NSDAP, were crucial to the inner stability of the Third Reich. In this dissertation (Johann Wolfgang v. Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, 2000), Dr Reibel explores the transformation of the Ortsgruppen from local platforms of Nazi propaganda into local dictatorial power bases in the period 1932 to 1945, and their internal organizational structure, human resources management, and financing. In the second part of the book, the author examines how in local practice the Ortsgruppen became radicalized instruments for political control, persecution of dissidents and Jews, and mobilization for the total war.


This dissertation (Bochum, 2000) examines the views and conceptions of a desirable economic policy and socio-economic order among the different groups involved in the conspiracy against Hitler of 20 July 1944. Exploring the various intellectual and academic roots of the conspirators, Dr Rüther aims to show how several of these conceptions aimed to reconcile orthodox laissez-faire economics with centralized-plan economics, and how these views deeply influenced the form and substance of postwar economic policy and socio-economic order in West Germany, which came to be known as the soziale Marktwirtschaft.

This dissertation (University of Osnabrück, 2001) examines the construction and circumstances of racist images of black aliens in Germany in parliamentary and media debates on colonialism between the 1870s and the 1930s. By reviewing the argumentation of both the propagandists of colonialism and missionaries and the critics of colonial policy of leftist-liberal, socialist, and communist origins, Dr Schubert finds that both sides had a colonial worldview, based on a consensus about the perception of black Africans.

Great Britain


This textbook offers a general overview of the nature and operation of the English Poor Law system from the early eighteenth century to its termination in 1930. Professor Brundage reviews the transition from a localized system, designed primarily for rural communities, into a centralized system to cope with the growing problems of urban poverty, and deals with topics such as the workhouse, assisted emigration, vagrancy, the perspectives and reactions of the poor to the system, and the relation of the poor laws to private charity, as well as to economic development.


Outlining the relationship of economic growth to moral issues with regard to slavery, in this study Professor Drescher explores the considerations that led the British Empire to abolish slavery in 1833. Examining how politicians, colonial bureaucrats, pamphleteers, and scholars validated their arguments on rational scientific grounds, and how the infiltration of the social sciences into the debate minimized agitation on both sides, Professor Drescher argues that the plan to end British slavery, rather than being a timely escape from a failing economic system, was the crucial element in one of the greatest social experiments ever.


Considering the Lancashire cotton industry from the perspective of a group of workers central to the industry’s development, Dr Fowler focuses on the cotton operatives in
the period 1900–1950 to examine how they established collective organizations to improve their working and living conditions. Examining the role and activities of the trade-union organizations in raising wages, improving working conditions, reducing working hours, establishing the right to holidays, and forcing the introduction of factory legislation, he explores these successes and their impact on industry and society in general.


This book examines the daily-life experiences of ordinary seafarers of the British maritime community at the end of the sixteenth century, whether in civilian employment or on warships. The open warfare with Spain from 1585 onward made this a particularly volatile period of maritime history, in which both groups of seafarers experienced increased pressure. Dr Fury explores training, the maritime social order, labour relations, and the role of custom, health care, and mortality and concludes that seafarers were increasingly obliged, through forms of forced-labour contracts, to accept dangerous working conditions at substandard wages.


Focusing first on English Baptist missionaries in Jamaica and then on a group of Baptist and other nonconformist abolitionists in the city of Birmingham, in this study Professor Hall aims to reveal how, in the mid-nineteenth-century British Empire, metropole and colony were closely interconnected, and how the identity of colonizer formed a constitutive part of Englishness. Through her examination of the background, ideas, social networks, and gender relations of these two groups, she analyses how people constituted themselves as colonizers both in Jamaica and at home, and how their initial idealism about the opportunity to “civilize” the colonized “others” into people like themselves gradually turned into harsh forms of racism in the course of the century.


Examining the experiences of women involved in the British socialist movement in its formative period (i.e. from the 1880s to the 1920s), the authors of this study aim to offer a new perspective on both the socialist and feminist politics of that era. Focusing on three case studies (women’s suffrage, women and internationalism, and the politics of consumption) Drs Hannam and Hunt examine the various ways in which socialist women struggled to translate the tension between socialism and feminism into creative practical political practice in this period.

Focusing on the British West Indies Regiment (BWIR), this study explores the hitherto largely neglected role of the predominantly black soldiers from the British West Indies in World War I. Looking at the daily problems of army life for West Indian recruits, the capacities in which they served, and their experiences after the war, Dr Howe examines the social, political, and psychological implications of the war effort for the West Indians involved from the perspective of the dialectical relationship between local processes in the West Indies and British colonial-policy decisions.


This study offers a general introduction to the issue of child labour in Britain during the Industrial Revolution. Dr Kirby asserts that the concentration, by contemporary observers as well as historians, on the small numbers of children employed in industry has diverted attention from the major role of working children in the context of the family, the labour market, and the state. He argues that child labour was pivotal both in economic growth and for the incomes of working-class households. See also Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk’s review in this volume, pp. 517–518.

Greece


Drawing comparisons with political prisoners in Germany and Spain, this study focuses on the Greek Civil War (1946–1949) to examine the lives of political prisoners in the polarization of this conflict. Dr Voglis explores the impact of exceptional circumstances on the practices of punishment, the effect the prison administration and the prisoners’ collective had on their personalities, and the elaboration of the category of political prisoners.

Italy


This is the first complete biography of the eminent Italian anarchist, Errico Malatesta (1853–1932). From the outset, the author establishes that for sixty years Malatesta’s ideas and actions coincided with the history of the Italian and international anarchist movement and with the labour movement in general. In 1871 he joined the First International. From 1884 until 1919 he was in exile, including periods in Argentina and London, which the author describes extensively. Whether he was nearby or far away, however, he remained
involved in the assorted incidents of social turmoil in Italy in that period. The author also analyses Malatesta’s theoretical reflections about anarchism.


In the first part of this anthology, the author has collected five articles on the following subjects: the Risorgimento and the social issue; the economy of the Italian states prior to unification; the Italian revolutions of 1848; the history of social classes during the Risorgimento, focusing on the revolutionaries of 1848–1849 in the Papal States; selected aspects of the activities of the economic societies in the South. The second part comprises three essays on subjects concerning the financial and economic history of Italy from the mid-eighteenth until the early nineteenth century.


This textbook gives a general, chronological overview of the social history of Italy in the long twentieth century. Assessing living standards, health and education, working conditions, and leisure pursuits, Dr Dunnage traces the impact of the great social, economic, cultural, and political transformations, including two world wars and the rise of fascism, on the everyday lives of Italians. He pays attention to varying forms and survival mechanisms of the Italian family, the role of women, the development of community relations and political movements, and the relation between grass-roots Italian society and the nation state.


This study combines biographical studies of four Italian anarchists with extreme individualist sympathies, who embraced fascism in the early 1920s and became close ideological allies of Mussolini: Leonardo Arpinati, Massimo Rocca, Maria Rygier, and Torquato Nanni. All grew disillusioned with Mussolini by 1930 and were forced into exile in Italy or abroad. Dr Whitaker uses a biographical approach to elucidate the individualist anarchist components in the rise of Italian fascist ideology and its connections with Nietzschean and secular religious thought at the end of the nineteenth century.

The Netherlands


In this history of the development of the academic discipline of sociology in the Netherlands after 1945, Dr van El focuses on two theoretical schools that arose from the late 1960s onward, one at the University of Amsterdam and the other at the universities of Utrecht, Groningen, and Nijmegen. In Amsterdam, sociologists around Joop Goudsblom...
were inspired by the work of the German sociologist Norbert Elias and his historical-comparative figuration sociology. The other main current, around sociologists R. Wippler and S. Lindenberg, propagated a methodological-individualistic programme of explanatory sociology. The author examines the origins of this dichotomy and its consequences for Dutch sociology.

Poland


This study describes and analyses the activities of the militants of the Bund – the socialist, antinationalist political party of Jewish workers, founded in 1897 in Vilna, Poland – in the period from the Nazi occupation of Poland in 1939 until its dissolution by the Polish communist regime in 1949. Professor Blatman aims to reveal the prominent role of the Bund in the resistance, both in the various ghettos and in exile in London and the United States. He analyses its relation with the Polish government in exile and with other Polish resistance groups, and describes the fruitless efforts of the surviving Bund activists to reconstruct the movement in postwar Poland.

Russia – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics


This study traces the origins and rise of the populist “national Bolshevism” propaganda campaign, which Stalin and his inner circle designed in the 1930s to mobilize Soviet society for the expected war. Professor Brandenberger argues that the national identity propagated in this period shows that Stalinist ideology was, in fact, more Russian nationalist than it was proletarian internationalist, and that this in turn helps to explain why this nationalist populism not only survived Stalin but still resonates in present-day Russia.


Karl Radek (pseudonym of Karl Sobelsohn) was one of the leaders of the Comintern, until he was banned because of his support for Trotsky in 1927. After being pardoned he headed the secret operation, BMI, which gathered information abroad for Stalin. In 1937 at the second Moscow show trial, he was sentenced to ten years’ imprisonment. This biography is the first extensive study about Karl Radek based on archival material, as these data became available in the 1990s. In the introduction the author describes which archives were accessible to him, and which were not (the latter included the AP – the presidential archive – and the archive of the FSB, the secret service), as well as which sections have probably been lost forever.

This study examines mortality in Russia in the twentieth century. It uses exhaustive demographic inquiry and other available statistics to analyse social and class differences in death rates and to link them with policies of the state. The “fourth great mortality crisis” of the transition period (after those of World War I and the civil war, collectivization and famine in the 1930s, and World War II), during which male life expectancy was less than fifty-nine years (compared to seventy-five in western Europe), is covered extensively.


In this revisionist interpretation of the Bolshevik Revolution, Professor Holquist argues that Tsarist and revolutionary governments implemented policies for total mobilization that were common to other belligerent powers during World War I, and that the period 1914–1921 should be seen as a continuum in which distinctive characteristics of Russian political life, Marxist ideology, wartime circumstances, and broader trends of wartime policies converged to bring about the Bolshevik Revolution. Focusing on the Don territory of the Cossacks, he examines the implementation of three particular policies – state management of food, the employment of official violence for political ends, and state surveillance – and their impact on the lives of ordinary citizens.


This study examines the role of party organizations and activists in the politics of post-Soviet Russia, especially at regional and local levels. Using the results of extensive fieldwork in three regions of middle Russia (the provinces of Ul’janovsk and Samara and the Republic of Tatarstan), the author analyses the work of the six main parties that emerged from the 1999 parliamentary elections. The main emphasis of the study is comparative, both with respect to the internal structures and activities of the parties, and as far as the relation between centre and periphery and the place of Russia in the broader postcommunist wave of political transitions are concerned.


This collection aims to explore how the Stalinist regime obtained approval and loyalty, not only from party members but also from a large share of the population. To this end,
autobiographical documents are examined: diaries, “party autobiographies” and private autobiographies, texts of criticism and self-criticism. The work contains eight contributions, some written in English and some in French, and is based on a colloquium organized by the Maison des sciences de l’homme in Paris in 1999.


This collection of seven essays explores totalitarian and revisionist arguments about Stalin and Stalinism. The topics include a survey of recent Western views of Stalin’s Russia, an account of Stalin’s approach to intelligence, the politics of obligation, the cult of the dead in Soviet political memory, and the demythologizing of Stalin in the years immediately following his death. The book appears in the series Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions. Jeffrey Brooks, John Keep, and Robert Service are among the authors.


In this study the author aims to explain the large proportion of Jews among Russian revolutionaries and to distinguish facts from prejudices concerning this controversial subject. He emphasizes the oppression of the Jews in Russia, Poland, and other countries in Eastern Europe and the anti-Semitism that prevailed there. Next, he analyses the “vicious cycle premise”: the rampant anti-Semitism that led many Jews to embrace communism, which in turn made anti-Semitism far more virulent. The preface is by Ernst Nolte.


This collection consists of ten articles, based on a lecture series at the Volkshochschule des Kantons Zürich in 2002/2003. In addition to articles about Stalin himself, the subjects addressed include the balance of power between Stalin and the state and party apparatus and the survival strategies of the population, both in the cities and in the countryside. Other areas considered are the foreign party executive in the 1930s and Stalin’s position on Eastern Europe. The book is richly illustrated with images from the periodical UdSSR im Bau.

Spain


This is the first English edition of a classic in the historiography of the Spanish Civil War. Originally published in the early 1950s in France and reprinted in 1971, it sketches the role
of anarchism in the Civil War and offers the “official” view of the CNT on the role of the anarchist militias, the revolutionary collectives, and the stark reality of the war effort. In this English edition, Dr Ealham has contributed a new introduction and elaborate notes on the text, and has attached detailed indexes.


This study analyses the political ideas and actions of the anarcho-syndicalist Felix Morga, who served as mayor of Nájera in the region of Rioja during the Second Republic. The author aims to depict the posibilismo libertario, i.e. the stand of those anarchists who, without abandoning their revolutionary causes, supported the Republic by participating in the democratic process. The author relates Morga as an individual and his conduct as a mayor to the socio-economic and political context of Nájera. He bases his study on local and provincial archival research, writings by Morga, interviews, and the local press.


The author based this study, a revised edition of a dissertation (University of Lérida, 2001), on research in local and national archives, the local press, and memoirs. The study addresses the preparations for the military coup in Lérida; the victory of the workers’ militias, the organization of the local administration and the social revolution; issues concerning violence, public order, and defence of the hinterlands; food supply, healthcare, and cultural life; and the situation as a city on the front after being taken by the insurgents in April 1938.


These are the English original and a Spanish translation of a study of the social history of the everyday lives of average, common Spaniards on the Republican side during the Spanish Civil War. Professor Seidman focuses on the experiences of anonymous individuals, families, and small groups and on their day-to-day struggle for their interests and survival. Examining factors such as wartime price restrictions, labour unrest, inflation, hoarding, pilfering, and black marketeering, he argues that most people cared less about an abstract ideological cause than about their own, predominantly material, interests. See also Manuel Pérez Ledesma’s review in this volume, pp. 525–527.

This dissertation (University of Bern, 2000) examines poor relief in the region of Bern in the eighteenth century, as it came to be predominantly administered and financed by the local government. Dr Strebel shows how in the course of the eighteenth century a growing number of people, who comprised an increasing share of members of the “labouring poor”, became dependent on the city’s poor relief, and how this pressured the city’s financial budget, creating a dilemma for the city government between social welfare and public finance.