## Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>List of figures</th>
<th>page ix</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Preface</td>
<td>xi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acknowledgements</td>
<td>xiv</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>List of abbreviations</td>
<td>xviii</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Introduction</td>
<td>xx</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PART I PRECARIOUS ELITES**

1. Famous deaths: subjects of imperial decline 3
2. Shared horizons: the sentimental elite in the Great War 37

**PART II THE POWER OF PRESTIGE**

3. Soft power: Pan-Europeanism after the Habsburgs 69
4. The German princes: an aristocratic fraction in the democratic age 98
5. Crusaders of civility: the legal internationalism of the Baltic Barons 140

**PART III PHANTOM EMPIRES**

6. Knights of many faces: the dream of chivalry and its dreamers 177
Contents

7  Apostles of elegy: Bloomsbury’s continental connections 208
   Epilogue 235

Archives 252
Bibliography 256
Index 317