

Editors' Notes

THE YEAR 1990 marks the silver anniversary of the *Austrian History Yearbook*, founded by R. John Rath. Since 1965, the *Yearbook* has been a vital resource for historians and remains the only English-language journal devoted to the history of Austria and the Habsburg Monarchy. Dramatic events on the European continent over the past year have stimulated renewed scholarly interest in the central European past, which points to a bright future for the *Yearbook*.

In its twenty-fifth year, the *Yearbook* experienced major changes. The altered physical appearance, especially the new size, cover, and internal layout, is the most obvious. Changes in editorial procedure are less apparent, but more fundamental. The Center for Austrian Studies continues to publish the *Yearbook* and provides overall coordination for editing. Separate editors now oversee the three main phases of the *Yearbook*—reviewing manuscripts, assigning book reviews and review essays, and compiling the list of publications and dissertations.

We are honored to follow in the footsteps of R. John Rath and his successor, William E. Wright, and pleased that Professor Rath agreed to write a special article on the occasion of the *Yearbook's* twenty-fifth anniversary. The *Yearbook* remains true to the original vision of Professor Rath—that it serve as an international forum for communication among Habsburg and Austrian historians. We have relied on referees and book reviewers from the international community of scholars, especially in Austria. The list of publications and dissertations now contains works in twenty languages other than English and German. We have added correspondents from Japan and the Soviet Union to reflect growth in the field beyond its traditional European and North American boundaries.

Manuscript Policy

The *AHY* seeks to publish the highest quality scholarship in the field of Austrian and Habsburg history. To reach the goal, we will maintain rigid

standards in reviewing manuscripts, including careful scrutiny by at least two outside referees. We assumed our new positions last summer with no manuscripts in the pipeline. In the nine-month period between September 1, 1989 and May 31, 1990, we received eighteen manuscripts: four were accepted, eight were rejected, and six are still in various stages of being refereed. We will encourage submissions that use new methodologies, address new themes, or adopt a comparative stance, e.g., by "stretching" Austrian material across space. The stimulating articles by Lawrence Sondhaus, Pieter Judson, Mary Gluck, and Laura Gellott and the review essay by Michael Steinberg point us in these directions.

We will publish the Robert A. Kann Memorial Lecture delivered each year at the Center for Austrian Studies, if the subject matter and underlying scholarship meet the aims of the *Yearbook*. Two of the past Kann lectures, by Carl Schorske in 1984 and by Peter Loewenberg in 1986, inaugurate the new policy.

The *Yearbook* fell behind schedule in the 1980s, which explains why volume XXI published in fall 1989 carries the volume year 1985. Upon the recommendation of several serials librarians, our policy for the future will be to maintain the volume number sequencing, but have the volume year correspond to the year of publication. Accordingly, the current volume is volume XXII 1991.

We used flexibility in copyediting volume XXII. The copyeditor maintained a consistent style within each article, but did not impose a uniform style for all articles. In future issues, we will follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* (13th edition), as amended by the special conventions of our field. We are preparing an *AHY* style sheet that will be sent to authors who submit manuscripts.

Book Review Policy

Fifteen reviews that were assigned before the change in editorship were either on hand in August 1989 or received before June 1990. We are publishing all fifteen even if they do not fit the new book review guidelines. In the future, the main criterion for assigning a book for review is whether its subject matter is consistent with the aims and scope of the *Yearbook* as outlined on the inside front cover. The goal is to present thoughtful reviews of important books for scholars working on the history of Austrian society, politics, economics, and culture.

Except in unusual circumstances, the *Austrian History Yearbook* will not publish unsolicited book reviews. In addition, the *Yearbook* will *not* review:

1. Edited works, unless the contributions focus narrowly on a well-defined theme that is of particularly compelling scholarly interest.
2. Reprints of older monographs or source materials, unless they contain new editorial work, new introductory essays, or substantial updating.

3. Translations, unless the original work was never reviewed in the *AHY* or if the translated work is substantively different from the original.
4. Popular histories, picture books, exhibition catalogs, and coffee-table books, unless they have clear scholarly value.
5. Bibliographies and reference works, unless they contain some unique or original scholarly materials.
6. A book that has been specifically assigned as part of a review essay.
7. Scholarly journals or yearbooks.

Policy for Publications and Dissertations

The purpose of the bibliography section is to provide an overview of scholarship in the field of Austrian history as defined on the inside front cover. The list includes books, articles, and dissertations in English, German, and twenty other languages. We do not intend to provide an exhaustive bibliography for scholars doing research on specific topics. We exclude coffee-table books, monographs of fewer than 100 pages, exhibition catalogs, and book reviews unless they have clear scholarly merit.

The entries fall within nine broad chronological periods. Rather than offering a thematic presentation within periods, we provide a subject index at the end. Entries are numbered consecutively throughout, which permits cross-referencing works in more than one period and under more than one subject heading.

We placed the title of an edited work in the earliest period for which it contains contributions, and cross-referenced where applicable in other sections. If the title of the work gives a good indication of content, then only the contributors' names (if available) appear at the end of the main entry. If the content is not apparent from the title, then we list the individual contributions in the "Articles" section within the proper period.

The preceding volume XXI 1985 contained publications and dissertations completed in the year 1985. The current list covers publications and dissertations completed only during 1986 and 1987. We compiled the list using the computerized data bases LC-MARC (Library of Congress), *Historical Abstracts*, and *Dissertation Abstracts*, which are part of the DIALOG on-line data service. In addition, Dr. Peter Urbanitsch contributed entries from German and other Western-language journals and books that are not in the DIALOG system. For non-Western-language works, we have indicated (but not translated literally) the title's meaning in brackets and identified the language. We have used commonly accepted English-language names for cities of publication (e.g., Vienna, not Wien; Cologne, not Köln; and Prague, not Praha).

Generating the entries by computer enriches the list, but causes problems as well. When the data bases pass through DIALOG, they lose all diacritical markings. We put in the markings by hand using printed versions of *Historical Abstracts* and *Dissertation Abstracts*. For books we used

the LTLC and RLIN on-line data services, which do preserve the diacritics. We could not rely on editorial consultants for each of the twenty-one foreign languages, so some errors in the original sources may appear in our list. The data bases include many items that are not appropriate for our list and exclude many items that are. For example, some important journals, *Proceedings* of professional associations, dissertations (especially from Austrian universities) and edited works do not appear on the data bases. We are working to repair some of the deficiencies in volume XXIII. Parts of the list were compiled under the old procedures, which may have led to some inconsistencies in style among the entries.

PUTTING TOGETHER THE first volume of the *Yearbook* under the new procedures has been an exciting and rewarding challenge. We wish to thank R. John Rath as well as the members of the Advisory Board and the Editorial Board for their encouragement and advice. We owe our referees and book reviewers a large debt for the professional way they fulfilled requests. At the Center for Austrian Studies, Barbara Krauss-Christensen and three editorial assistants—James Brown, Allison Grove, and Daniel Pinkerton—worked with great skill and dedication. Claire Nolte provided important bibliographic assistance. We are especially grateful to Beverly Kaemmer, Senior Acquisitions Editor at the University of Minnesota Press. She graciously shared her expertise and helped us side-step many landmines associated with the reorganization.

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We are eager to hear your reaction to our efforts and invite your comments and suggestions.

The Editors