

Editors' Notes

WE ARE ESPECIALLY enthusiastic about this twenty-ninth volume of the *Austrian History Yearbook*, which offers a window on a number of sources and varied approaches to questions new and old. Starting with the sources, we are pleased to add a separate second part to this year's publication, "A Guide to East-Central European Archives." These surveys of a number of central and south-eastern European archives provide the reader with information on archival materials, some of which are now available for the first time. Charles Ingrao, editor, conceived the project and, with the assistance of Barbara Lawatsch-Boomgaarden, associate editor, labored long in organizing and carrying it out. (See Charles Ingrao's introduction to part 2.)

Several of the articles in this volume give fresh views and approaches concerning traditional questions. Paul W. Schroeder's Kann Lecture offers intriguing ideas on the role of small states as mediators in international politics, broaching a question of both historic and current import. In the same vein, Gary B. Cohen examines the revisionist views that see the late-nineteenth-century Habsburg monarchy not as a drowning entity, but as a modernizing state—one that left a legacy followed by the successor states. Other articles contemplate nationalism in a new and nuanced light. Karl F. Bahm examines the role of the nonelite classes in reacting to and shaping nationalism, while T. Mills Kelly discusses the Czech National Socialists in considerable depth. There has been a recent emphasis on using monuments, public events, or the construction of heroes to understand the nature of nationalism and the construction of national states. Nancy Meriwether Wingfield uses film, and Alice Freifeld expositions, as means to examine the workings of national identity and national movements.

George Barany takes up the relatively recent concept of political culture and, on the basis of his vast experience, conducts the reader on a rich and far-ranging journey through the region's history. Susan Gal comments with great insight on the Barany article and adds her own perceptive analysis. Volume XXIX also offers a view of the interwar period. R. John Rath presents

another installment in his long-term research project on Dollfuß, and Anita Ziegerhofer examines diplomatic history in that period. As contemporary historians offer up not only innovative approaches, but also new questions entirely, James O. Brown and Markus Cerman have written a historiographic article, "The Social History of the Family in the Territories of the Austrian Monarchy."

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