

Editors' Notes

THIS VOLUME REPRESENTS the first publication under the guidance of the new members of the editorial staff, Richard L. Rudolph, executive editor, Charles W. Ingrao, editor, and Hugh L. Agnew, book review editor, with the continuing labors of associate editor Barbara Lawatsch-Boomgaarden and assistant editor Carol Duling. The current editors wish to express their deep appreciation for the help and unstinting advice that our predecessors, David Good, Solomon Wank, and James William Miller have given us, and particularly the part played by David Good as executive editor and director of the Center for Austrian Studies. From the time the publication was begun as a newsletter over thirty years ago by R. John Rath to the time David Good became the executive editor in 1991, the *Austrian History Yearbook* was handled by one editor. It was David Good who transformed the *Yearbook* by involving a number of leading scholars in the field in various editorial and advisory capacities, and in so doing, was instrumental in extending the organizational health and intellectual breadth of the journal. For this we and all scholars in the field of Austrian studies are extremely grateful.

We intend to continue the past policy of the *Yearbook* in terms of extending our scope. We want to maintain a broad thematic, temporal, and regional coverage. We welcome articles by young scholars with innovative approaches and interdisciplinary views as well as the older established members of the profession. We hope to insure that we touch on a broad variety of regions of the Habsburg and Austrian domains and welcome articles touching on the medieval and early modern periods as well as modern history. We think that the current volume is a good beginning in reflecting these dimensions. Several of the articles, the Kann Lecture by Allan Janik and the forum on "New Views of Fin-de-Siècle Vienna," are part of the current discourse on culture and social history. Two former editors of the journal, R. John Rath and Solomon Wank, share with readers the results of their years of scholarship dealing with, respectively, interwar Austria and the ever vital problem of nationalism within the regions of the monarchy. Other articles

range from the material world, a survey of economic history in the modern era, to the spiritual sphere, the Utraquists in early modern Bohemia.

In the next issue, *inter alia*, we shall provide surveys of archival sources in Central and Eastern Europe, giving insights into these resources, often opening up to scholars for the first time, and we shall present an essay by George Barany, initiating a forum on the varieties of political culture in Central Europe.

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