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Preface and Acknowledgments

This volume has been many years in the making. Conceived as an effort to treat in depth some of the issues that I examined more broadly in Cities Perceived: Urban Society in European and American Thought (New York: Columbia University Press, 1985), this book includes, in heavily revised versions, an essay that appeared before Cities Perceived and an essay based on that work that appeared subsequently. This volume also includes a third previously published essay that is also greatly revised. (Chapter 1 first appeared as “Critics of Urban Society in Germany, 1854–1914,” Journal of the History of Ideas 40 [1979]: 61–83. Chapter 2 appeared as “The Civic Pride of the Middle Classes in Wilhelmian Germany,” in Thought: A Review of Culture and Idea 62 [1987]: 251–67; and “The Civic Pride of the German Middle Classes, 1890–1918,” in Another Germany: A Reconsideration of the Imperial Era, ed. Jack R. Dukes and Joachim Remak [Boulder, Colo.: Westview, 1988], 41–59. Chapter 10 appeared as “State and Society,” in Imperial Germany: A Historiographical Companion, ed. Roger Chickering [Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1996], 215–43.) The remaining chapters were written for this book and (with the exception of portions of chapter 3, which have been published as “Deviant Sexuality and Other ‘Sins’: The Views of Protestant Conservatives in Imperial Germany,” German Studies Review 23 [2000], 453–76) appear here for the first time.

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Abbreviations

AF *Der Arbeiterfreund*
AKDS Allgemeine Konferenz der deutschen Sittlichkeitsvereine
AKK *Archiv für Kriminalanthropologie und Kriminalistik*
ANG Aus Natur und Geisteswelt
BDF Bund Deutscher Frauenvereine
BKH Blätter für Kinderforschung und Heilerziehung
CAWE Centralstelle für Arbeiter-Wohlfahrtseinrichtungen

DEF Deutsch-Evangelischer Frauenbund
DGBG Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Bekämpfung der Geschlechtskrankheiten
DVAW Deutscher Verein für Armenpflege und Wohltätigkeit
ES *Evangelisch-Sozial*
ESK Evangelisch-Sozialer Kongreß
GSV Geschäftsstelle der Sittlichkeitsvereine
GVV Gesellschaft für Verbreitung von Volksbildung

MFG Mädchen- und Frauengruppen für Soziale Hilfsarbeit
MKS *Monatsschrift für Criminalpsychologie und Strafrechtsreform*
SAG Soziale Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ost
SP *Soziale Praxis*
VJ Verein Jugendschutz
VKD Volkverein für das Katholische Deutschland
VV Verein Volkswohl
ZBG *Zeitschrift für Bekämpfung der Geschlechtskrankheiten*
ZGS *Zeitschrift für die gesamte Strafrechtswissenschaft*
ZVW Zentralstelle für Volkswohlfahrt