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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

<i>AF</i>	<i>Der Arbeiterfreund</i>
AKDS	Allgemeine Konferenz der deutschen Sittlichkeitsvereine
<i>AKK</i>	<i>Archiv für Kriminalanthropologie und Kriminalistik</i>
ANG	Aus Natur und Geisteswelt
BDF	Bund Deutscher Frauenvereine
BKH	Blätter für Kinderforschung und Heilerziehung
CAWE	Centralstelle für Arbeiter-Wohlfahrtseinrichtungen
<i>DBE</i>	<i>Deutsche Biographische Enzyklopädie</i> , ed. Walter Killy and Rudolf Vierhaus, 10 vols. (Munich: Saur, 1995–99)
DEF	Deutsch-Evangelischer Frauenbund
DGBG	Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Bekämpfung der Geschlechtskrankheiten
DVAW	Deutscher Verein für Armenpflege und Wohltätigkeit
<i>ES</i>	<i>Evangelisch-Sozial</i>
ESK	Evangelisch-Sozialer Kongreß
GSV	Geschäftsstelle der Sittlichkeitsvereine
GVV	Gesellschaft für Verbreitung von Volksbildung
<i>HWSW</i>	<i>Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften</i> , ed. Johannes Conrad et al., 3d ed., 8 vols. (Jena: Fischer, 1909–11)
MFG	Mädchen- und Frauengruppen für Soziale Hilfsarbeit
<i>MKS</i>	<i>Monatsschrift für Kriminalpsychologie und Strafrechtsreform</i>
<i>NDB</i>	<i>Neue Deutsche Biographie</i> , 19 vols. (Berlin: Duncker und Humblot, 1950–99)
SAG	Soziale Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ost
<i>SP</i>	<i>Soziale Praxis</i>
VJ	Verein Jugendschutz
VKD	Volkverein für das Katholische Deutschland
VV	Verein Volkswohl
ZBG	<i>Zeitschrift für Bekämpfung der Geschlechtskrankheiten</i>
ZGS	<i>Zeitschrift für die gesamte Strafrechtswissenschaft</i>
ZVW	Zentralstelle für Volkswohlfahrt