RETHINKING THE AGE OF EMANCIPATION
COMPARATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER, FAMILY, AND RELIGION IN ITALY AND GERMANY, 1800–1918
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Summary
Since the end of the nineteenth century, traditional historiography has emphasized the similarities between Italy and Germany as “late nations”, including the parallel roles of “great men” such as Bismarck and Cavour. Rethinking the Age of Emancipation aims at a critical reassessment of the development of these two “late” nations from a new and transnational perspective. Essays by an international and interdisciplinary group of scholars examine the discursive relationships among nationalism, war, and emancipation as well as the ambiguous roles of historical protagonists with competing national, political, and religious loyalties.

“With a genuinely transnational perspective, this volume avoids the pitfalls of a simple juxtaposition of parallel stories, German and Italian, entrenched in the narrative tradition of national history. It presents an original standpoint on gender as well as Jewish studies.” • Asher Salah, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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