

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Floud

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

---

## The power of the past

---

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Floud

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

---

This book is published as part of the joint publishing agreement established in 1977 between the Fondation de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and the Press Syndicate of the University of Cambridge. Titles published under this arrangement may appear in any European language or, in the case of volumes of collected essays, in several languages.

New books will appear either as individual titles or in one of the series which the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and the Cambridge University Press have jointly agreed to publish. All books published jointly by the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and the Cambridge University Press will be distributed by the Press throughout the world.

Cet ouvrage est publié dans le cadre de l'accord de co-édition passé en 1977 entre la Fondation de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et le Press Syndicate de l'Université de Cambridge. Toutes les langues européennes sont admises pour les titres couverts par cet accord, et les ouvrages collectifs peuvent paraître en plusieurs langues.

Les ouvrages paraissent soit isolément, soit dans l'une des séries que la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et Cambridge University Press ont convenu de publier ensemble. La distribution dans le monde entier des titres ainsi publiés conjointement par les deux établissements est assurée par Cambridge University Press.

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Flood

Frontmatter

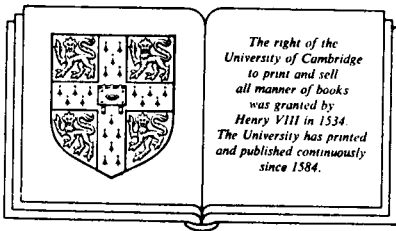
[More information](#)

# The power of the past

Essays for  
Eric Hobsbawm

---

Edited by  
PAT THANE,  
GEOFFREY CROSSICK  
and  
RODERICK FLOOD



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cambridge

London New York New Rochelle Melbourne Sydney

EDITIONS DE LA MAISON DES SCIENCES DE  
L'HOMME

Paris

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Floud

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cambridge, New York, Melbourne, Madrid, Cape Town, Singapore, São Paulo, Delhi

Cambridge University Press

The Edinburgh Building, Cambridge CB2 8RU, UK

With Editions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme

54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France

Published in the United States of America by Cambridge University Press, New York

[www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org)

Information on this title: [www.cambridge.org/9780521255257](http://www.cambridge.org/9780521255257)

© Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and Cambridge University Press 1984

This publication is in copyright. Subject to statutory exception and to the provisions of relevant collective licensing agreements, no reproduction of any part may take place without the written permission of Cambridge University Press.

First published 1984

Reprinted 1985

Re-issued in this digitally printed version 2008

*A catalogue record for this publication is available from the British Library*

*Library of Congress Catalogue Card Number: 83-25235*

ISBN 978-0-521-25525-7 hardback

ISBN 978-0-521-27527-9 paperback

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Floud

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

## Contents

	<i>Page</i>	
<i>List of Contributors</i>	vii	
Introduction. Capitalism and its pre-capitalist heritage PAT THANE and GEOFFREY CROSSICK	1	
1 The politics of class struggle in the history of society: an appraisal of the work of Eric Hobsbawm EUGENE D. GENOVESE	13	
2 Working class and sociability in France before 1848 MAURICE AGULHON	37	
3 Men and women in the Parisian garment trades: discussions of family and work in the 1830s and 1840s JOAN WALLACH SCOTT	67	
4 Craft traditions and the labour movement in nineteenth-century Germany JÜRGEN KOCKA	95	
5 Structures of subordination in nineteenth-century British industry RICHARD PRICE	119	
6 The First of May 1890 in France: the birth of a working-class ritual MICHELLE PERROT	143	
7 Civic rituals and patterns of resistance in Barcelona, 1890–1930 TEMMA KAPLAN	173	
8 English landed society in the nineteenth-century F. M. L. THOMPSON	195	

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Floud

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

vi	<i>Contents</i>	
9	British and European bankers 1880–1914: an ‘aristocratic bourgeoisie’? JOSÉ HARRIS and PAT THANE	215
10	Problems of Jewish assimilation in Austria–Hungary in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries PETER HANAK	235
11	Alternatives to class revolution: Central and Eastern Europe after the First World War IVÁN T. BEREND	251
12	Vicissitudes of feudalism in modern Poland ANTONI MACZAK	283
	<i>Index</i>	299

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-27527-9 - The Power of the Past: Essays for Eric Hobsbawm

Edited by Pat Thane, Geoffrey Crossick and Roderick Floud

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

## Contributors

Maurice Agulhon, *Université de Paris I*

Iván T. Berend, *Karl Marx University, Budapest*

Geoffrey Crossick, *University of Essex*

Eugene D. Genovese, *University of Rochester*

Peter Hanak, *Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Sciences*

José Harris, *St Catherine's College, Oxford*

Temma Kaplan, *University of California, Los Angeles*

Jürgen Kocka, *University of Bielefeld*

Antoni Maczak, *University of Warsaw*

Michelle Perrot, *Université de Paris VII*

Richard Price, *University of Maryland*

Joan Wallach Scott, *Brown University*

Pat Thane, *Goldsmiths' College, London*

F.M.L. Thompson, *Institute of Historical Research, University of London*