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Should one have to track the origin of this book, the answer would point to a group of (then) young scholars who have been meeting regularly since 2013 in Freiburg to discuss historiography and representations of the past. Over the years, these meetings, inaugurated and supervised by Hans-Joachim Gehrke and Astrid Möller, have also taken place in Munich and Trento, while the scholars involved have carried on their careers at various different universities. Many of the articles collected here elaborate on papers presented in Trento at a meeting organised in 2019 by Elena Franchi and Maurizio Giangliulo, in other articles several themes discussed in previous meetings are revisited, while still others have been conceived specifically for the present volume. They all explore themes that are timeless, and perhaps now more relevant than ever: the past, its testimonies, and its representations.

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FOREWORD

This volume does not collect the Proceedings of a workshop, nor papers around a specific theme. Rather, it includes the revised versions of some of the talks given in the context of the meetings of the network ‘Historiai: Geschichtsschreibung und Vergangenheitsvorstellungen’. Established in Freiburg in 2013 at the instigation of Hans-Joachim Gehrke and Astrid Möller, the network came into being through a series of meetings designed to give various PhD students and postdocs mostly from Freiburg and Munich the opportunity to discuss their research in a stimulating environment and under the supervision of the professors who founded it. Over the years, the young scholars involved have gone their own ways and now teach and do research at a wide variety of universities, but continue to meet and discuss their lines of research. Some of the contributions collected in this volume were presented at a meeting of the network held in Trento on 22 and 23 November 2019. The meeting took place under the scientific responsibility of Elena Franchi and thanks to the support of CeASHum, the Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities founded in 2018 by Maurizio Giangiulio. The volume is further enriched by a four-handed chapter by Hans-Joachim Gehrke and Maurizio Giangiulio drafted in the months following the meeting in Trento. It is in the Series ‘Quaderni’ of the same university that the writings collected

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