This volume has grown out of a conference held in November 1987 at the Society for the Humanities at Cornell University, in honor of Mario Einaudi, Goldwin Smith Emeritus Professor of Government. Sponsored by Cornell's Western Societies Program, with the support of the Center for International Studies and the Government Department, the conference brought together a group of Einaudi's friends, former students and colleagues whose connections with Cornell spanned four decades. They shared three convictions that are central to Einaudi's work and thought: that the study of politics must be embedded in history; that Europe and the United States have much to teach each other about the practice of democratic politics; and that the classics of political theory must inform the study of contemporary democratic states.

The conference presentations subjected each of Einaudi's six major books in political theory and comparative politics to analysis, praise, exegesis, and occasionally criticism. Einaudi listened in silence as his works were examined. When the celebration ended, the final word was his: "Thanks!" he responded, and he would say no more.

The papers from the conference, with the addition of a new contribution by Martin Schain, have been refashioned and expanded into
the essays in this book. Tarrow's Introduction greatly profited from the contributions of Katzenstein and Lowi and of an invited critic who must remain nameless but to whom we tender our thanks.

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