Foreword 7

- I. Western Europe
- 1. The Absolutist State in the West 15
- 2. Class and State: Problems of Periodization 43
- 3. Spain 60
- 4. France 85
- 5. England 113
- 6. Italy 143
- 7. Sweden 172
- II. Eastern Europe
- 1. The Absolutist State in the East 195
- 2. Nobility and Monarchy: the Eastern Variant 221

* * *

- 3. Prussia 236
- 4. Poland 279
- 5. Austria 299
- 6. Russia 328
- 7. The House of Islam 361
- III. Conclusions 397

Two Notes:

- A. Japanese Feudalism 435
- B. The 'Asiatic Mode of Production' 462

Index of Names 551 Index of Authorities 569