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conservator at the Museum Ludwig and the Wallraf-Richartz Museum in Cologne. Kathrin Kinseher holds a diploma from Cologne Institute of Conservation Sciences (1990) and a PhD from the Technical University of Munich. Her dissertation *Womit sollen wir malen?* was awarded the University Prize of the City of Munich in 2013.

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**Teresa Perusini** is an art historian and conservator. She obtained her MA in art history at Trieste University and an advanced qualification in the conservation of paintings and polychrome wood sculpture at the Centro regionale di Restauro in Villa Manin (Udine). She also holds a degree in the conservation of paper and prints from Venice UIA (International Art University). From 1981 onwards, she has worked as a freelance conservator in a cooperative that she founded with other colleagues, presented several courses in conservation schools in Italy and taught as adjunct professor at Udine and Trieste University. Since 2003 she has taught the course 'Science and Chemical Technology for Conservation and Restoration' as adjunct professor at Ca' Foscari University in Venice. Teresa Perusini has undertaken conservation



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This collection of essays by an international group of scholars provides access to an important chapter of technical art history: the rise in the popularity of temperas as an alternative to oil paints in Europe in the 19th and early 20th century. 'Tempera' designated media that were generally water-soluble and which could include components as wide ranging as egg, gums, glues, soaps, waxes and resins. Revered as the technique of the ancients, it possessed both historical cachet and aesthetic and practical advantages, such as luminosity of colour, short drying times, and resistance to yellowing and cracking. Although interest in tempera paints was not limited to any one country, their industrial

manufacture was concentrated in the region of present-day Germany, while in Italy a distinct tradition of artisanal production evolved. Developments in these two regions are surveyed, lending insight into the academic polemics surrounding temperas, the varied range of products on the market, their composition and their use by specific artists for easel paintings, murals and decorative schemes alike. Based upon source material, conservation research and technical studies of paintings as well as scientific approaches to the analysis of historical temperas, a vivid depiction of this complex artistic period emerges.



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