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How could it happen that continental Europe became a “Europe of the Dictatorships” in the twentieth century? It requires some effort to understand such processes. It is insufficient to observe merely the dictatorships and their mechanisms, one must also incorporate the seemingly harmless history leading up to that time and, above all, the transitions that took place.

The book begins with a description of the historical situation after the First World War.

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