Teresa Sanislo's article was published in a German anthology that reexamined a long-standing debate in German history about whether German developments were marked by a problematic Sonderweg or "special path" to modernity. The editors of this anthology adopted a comparative approach to this question and sought submissions from both German and Spanish historians and philosophers of law. Sanislo's paper was published in a section of the anthology devoted specifically to gender history and analysis. Her paper examined the central role that gender and physical culture played in the political moral discourse of the educated middle class in the late eighteenth century. Sanislo argued that a gendered analysis of the discourse on the new physical education did not provide evidence for a German Sonderweg. Comparative studies of gender, the body, citizenship, and power in this period reveal more commonalities across Europe than radically divergent developments.