

From Benito Mussolini to  
Hugo Chavez

*Intellectuals and a Century of  
Political Hero Worship*

PAUL HOLLANDER

*University of Massachusetts, Amherst*



CAMBRIDGE  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

# Contents

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <i>Preface</i>  | <i>page</i> vii |
| 1 Introduction: Intellectuals and Politics                          | I               |
| 2 Mussolini, Fascism, and Intellectuals                             | 47              |
| 3 Hitler, Nazism, and Intellectuals                                 | 83              |
| 4 Stalin, Rakosi, Soviet Communism, and Intellectuals               | 118             |
| 5 Western Intellectuals, Mao's China, and Cambodia<br>under Pol Pot | 162             |
| 6 Castro, Che Guevara, and Their Western Admirers                   | 204             |
| 7 Other Dictators and Their Admirers in More Recent Times           | 244             |
| 8 Conclusions: The Personal and the Political                       | 289             |
| <i>Index</i>  | 319             |