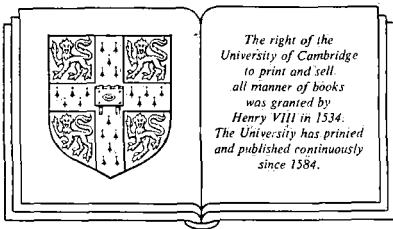


Rethinking the politics of
commercial society:
the *Edinburgh Review* 1802–1832

Biancamaria Fontana



Cambridge University Press

Cambridge

London New York New Rochelle

Melbourne Sydney

C

Contents

<i>Preface</i>	page vii
<i>Introduction</i>	1
1 Scottish theories of commercial society and the French revolution	11
The Edinburgh reviewers and the French revolution	11
The revolution and Scottish 'philosophical' history	17
The impact of Burke's <i>Reflections</i>	25
From the Restoration to Louis Philippe	38
2 Adam Smith's heritage: the Edinburgh reviewers and the <i>Wealth of Nations</i>	46
The reviewers, Smith and the Physiocrats	46
Francis Horner's early writings, 1800–5	48
Henry Brougham on the colonies and on Lauderdale, 1803–4	59
Editing the <i>Wealth of Nations</i> : from Garnier (1802) to McCulloch (1828)	69
The impact of David Ricardo's <i>Principles of Political Economy</i> (1817)	75
3 The definition of political economy: political economy as a social science	79
The <i>Edinburgh Review</i> and the 'transition' to English classical political economy	79
The 'restoration' of speculative philosophy	81
The definition of political economy: from Dugald Stewart to John Stuart Mill	96
Science for all: McCulloch's <i>Discourse on Political Economy</i> (1824)	105

4	The Edinburgh reviewers and the Whig party	112
	Political economy and party politics	112
	Francis Horner: from Edinburgh to London	114
	The Bullion Report	118
	Henry Brougham and free trade	126
	The post-war economic depression	135
	The 1820s: McCulloch and the dilemmas of economic growth	140
5	Commercial society and its enemies: the debate on the First Reform Bill	147
	The reviewers and the Reform Bill	147
	The Scottish heritage: the reviewers, James Mill, Walter Scott	160
	Commercial society, progress and pessimism	170
	<i>Conclusion</i>	181
	<i>Notes</i>	186
	<i>Bibliography</i>	228
	<i>Index</i>	249