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PREFACE

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The origin of some of the chapters in this volume can be traced back to the conference *Women, Language(s) and Translation in the Italian Tradition*, held in Cambridge (Clare College) in November 2018.¹ A selection of the papers presented at the conference was later further developed into full-fledged chapters, offering case studies and reflections on specific moments in the history of translation in Italy, in a gendered perspective. Further contributions were then also included to broaden the scope of the book.

Most of this volume was completed during the Covid-19 pandemic. A sincere thank you to all collaborators for their motivation and determination in working on their chapters during what has been a very testing time, marked by restrictions, isolation, loss. Each chapter is a testimony to human resilience. And a homage to those who left us.

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The conference was preceded by the public engagement event *Translation as Music, Music as Translation* and followed by a roundtable. Peter Burke, Dacia Maraini and Jane Tylus were guest speakers at the two-day event. On the occasion of her visit to the UK, the day after the conference, on 9 November 2018, Dacia Maraini was also guest speaker at the Italian Cultural Institute in London in conversation with Jane Tylus. A transcription of the event is now available in Sanson, 2020a.