

IMPOSSIBLE

MODERNISM

**T. S. ELIOT, WALTER BENJAMIN,
AND THE CRITIQUE OF HISTORICAL REASON**

ROBERT S. LEHMAN

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA**

CONTENTS

Acknowledgments	xi
Preface	xiii
List of Abbreviations	xxv
Introduction: The Poetry and the Prose of the Future	1
PART 1: GATHERING DUST, T. S. ELIOT	
1 Lyric	27
2 Satire	59
3 Myth	87
PART 2: KILLING TIME, WALTER BENJAMIN	
4 Order	121
5 Anecdote	145
6 Allegory	171
Conclusion: The Lightning Flash and the Storm of Progress	191
Notes	195
Works Cited	215
Index	229