Preface

This thesis is part of work done at the Center for German Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. By that logic, it would be expected that it should be written in German. However, given the area under analysis, it seemed that it would be of interest to a slightly wider readership even within the university. Also, the primary and secondary sources available for this work were mostly in English and Marathi. Given also the wider relevance of this area, I thought it best to write the following pages in English.