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Gli studi classici in Russia
tra Otto e Novecento



When classical studies flourished in Tsarist Russia's schools and ancient languages were the object of a lively debate...



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In the second half of the nineteenth century classical studies flourished in Russia as a result of the high level of schools, universities, and research institutes. The knowledge of foreign languages and the frequent trips abroad allowed Russian scholars to first assimilate Western science and then to enrich it with their original and creative contribution. Similarly in Russia, as in the rest of Europe, there was a lively debate on the opportunity of learning ancient languages and the place of classical studies in secondary education. It was in this context that one of the greatest antichists of all time was educated, the Russian cosmopolitan Mikhail Ivanovich Rostovcev, who was able to combine in his works the flourishing Russian culture and the most advanced European science.

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