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Washington, DC— Axel Körner, Professor of History at University College London and Founding Director of the UCL Centre for Transnational History, has been selected as the winner of the 2018 Helen & Howard R. Marraro Prize for the book *America in Italy: The United States in the Political Thought and Imagination of the Risorgimento, 1763-1865* (Princeton Univ. Press, 2017). The Marraro Prize is awarded annually by the American Historical Association (AHA) to honor the best book in Italian history or Italian-American relations. The prize will be awarded during a ceremony at the Association's 133rd Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, January 3-6, 2019.

Körner's book was selected by a prize review committee of AHA members including Richard R. Drake (Univ. of Montana), AHA rep.; Areli Marina (Univ. of Kansas), ACHA rep.; and Steven F. White (Mount St. Mary's Univ.), SIHS rep.

The Marraro Prize is one of three annual awards for the best book on Italy established by Howard R. Marraro (b. 1897), a historian of Italian culture. Marraro made bequests to the American Historical Association, the American Catholic Historical Association, and the Society for Italian Historical Studies to allow each association to award a prize. The American Historical Association administers the competition for all three awards.

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