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The Long Morning of Medieval Europe

2008

scholars from europe and north america convened at harvard university in 2004 for an interdisciplinary conference aimed at rethinking the early middle ages what are the issues and techniques of research defining the field today and what will they be tom

Rulers and Ruling Families in Early Medieval Europe

2019-07-18

first published in 1999 the ideas and practices involved in early medieval royal family politics are the central theme of this collection of papers by janet l nelson she first examines king alfred of wessex 871 99 in the context of anglo saxon conditions and in comparison with his carolingian contemporaries when tension and conflict within the royal family are highlighted she argues that alfred s talents and political thought emerge the more impressively a second group of papers deals with the reign of charles the bald 840 77 his patronage of learning and his interest in spanish martyrs are set in political context while contemporary historiography is considered as a form of counsel and critique the third section reflects nelson s growing interest in the political importance and gendered roles of royal women consecration rites are analysed as ritual expressions and factors in the shaping of the queenship while two final papers also examine the making and unmaking of frankish kings and princes

The Resources of the Past in Early Medieval Europe

2015

this volume analyses the importance of history the textual resources of the past and the integration of christian and imperial

rome into the cultural memory of early medieval europe within the wider question of identity formation the case studies in this book shed new light on the process of codification and modification of cultural heritage in the light of the transmission of texts and the extant manuscript evidence from the early middle ages the authors demonstrate how particular texts and their early medieval manuscript representatives in italy francia saxony and bavaria not only reflect ethnic social and cultural identities but themselves contributed to the creation of identities gave meaning to social practice and were often intended to inspire guide change or prevent action directly or indirectly these texts are shown to be part of a cultural effort to shape the present by restructuring the past

Living with Disfigurement in Early Medieval Europe

2016-12-21

this book is open access under a cc by 4 0 license this book examines social and medical responses to the disfigured face in early medieval europe arguing that the study of head and facial injuries can offer a new contribution to the history of early medieval medicine and culture as well as exploring the language of violence and social interactions despite the prevalence of warfare and conflict in early medieval society and a veritable industry of medieval historians studying it there has in fact been very little attention paid to the subject of head wounds and facial damage in the course of war and or punitive justice the impact of acquired disfigurement for the individual and for her or his family and community is barely registered and only recently has there been any attempt to explore the question of how damaged tissue and bone might be treated medically or surgically in the wake of new work on disability and the emotions in the medieval period this study documents how acquired disfigurement is recorded across different geographical and chronological contexts in the period

Politics and Ritual in Early Medieval Europe

1986

twenty three contributions by leading archaeologists from across europe explore the varied forms functions and

significances of fortified settlements in the 8th to 10th centuries and these could be sites of strongly martial nature upland retreats monastic enclosures rural seats island bases or urban nuclei but they were all expressions of control of states frontiers lands materials communities and ones defined by walls ramparts or enclosing banks papers run from Irish cashels to Welsh and Pictish strongholds Saxon burhs Viking fortresses Byzantine castra Carolingian creations Venetian barricades Slavic strongholds and Bulgarian central places and coverage extends fully from North West Europe to Central Europe the Northern Mediterranean and the Black Sea strongly informed by recent fieldwork and excavations but drawing also where available on the documentary record this important collection provides fully up to date reviews and analyses of the archaeologies of the distinctive settlement forms that characterized Europe in the early middle ages

Fortified Settlements in Early Medieval Europe

2016-08-31

This volume studies local priests as central players in small communities of early medieval Europe as clerics living among the laity priests played a double role within their communities that of local representatives of the church and religious experts and that of owners of land and other goods by virtue of their membership of both the ecclesiastical and the secular world they can be considered as men in the middle people who brought politico religious ideas and ideals to secular communities and who linked the local to the supra local via networks of landownership this book addresses both roles that local priests played by approaching them via their manuscripts and via the charters that record transactions in which they were involved manuscripts once owned by local priests bear witness to their education and expertise but also indicate how for instance ideals of the Carolingian reforms reached the lowest levels of early medieval society the case studies of collections of charters on the other hand show priests as active members of networks of the locally powerful in a variety of European regions notwithstanding many local variations the contributions to this volume show that local priests as men in the middle are a phenomenon shared by the early medieval world as a whole

Early Medieval

1972

how were the dead remembered in early medieval britain originally published in 2006 this innovative study demonstrates how perceptions of the past and the dead and hence social identities were constructed through mortuary practices and commemoration between c 400 1100 ad drawing on archaeological evidence from across britain including archaeological discoveries howard williams presents a fresh interpretation of the significance of portable artefacts the body structures monuments and landscapes in early medieval mortuary practices he argues that materials and spaces were used in ritual performances that served as technologies of remembrance practices that created shared social memories intended to link past present and future through the deployment of material culture early medieval societies were therefore selectively remembering and forgetting their ancestors and their history throwing light on an important aspect of medieval society this book is essential reading for archaeologists and historians with an interest in the early medieval period

A History of Early Medieval Europe from 476 to 911

1963

learn about europe after the collapse of the roman empire from the spread of christianity and the rise of islam to the vikings and the birth of russia book jacket

Men in the Middle

2016-05-24

annotation environment and geography are shown to have played a crucial role in shaping anglo saxon history and culture

Death and Memory in Early Medieval Britain

2006-08-31

this collection of essays critically examines from a variety of perspectives current approaches to the study of late antique and early medieval europe

Early Medieval Times

2009

the papers gathered in this volume were all given in 1999 at the international congress on medieval studies in kalamazoo at the international medieval congress in leeds and during a day conference held at york they agree that looking at the wide range of narrative forms available provides new ways of viewing the middle ages

Environment, Society and Landscape in Early Medieval England

2013

this second edition of roger collins classic textbook history of early medieval europe is fully updated and revised to take account of the latest scholarship collins provides a synoptic yet detailed account of the centuries during which europe changed from being an abstract geographical expression into a new culturally coherent if politically divided entity he examines how the social economic and cultural structures of antiquity were replaced by their medieval equivalents and also seeks to define the european context by looking at those external forces such as the nomadic confederacies of central asia and the islamic empire of the arabs which helped to shape it through conflict

Paradigms and Methods in Early Medieval Studies

2014-01-14

in the early medieval world the way people remembered the past changed how they saw the present new accounts of former leaders and their deeds could strengthen their successors establish novel claims to power or criticize the current ruler after 888 when the carolingian empire fractured into the smaller kingdoms of medieval western europe memory became a vital tool for those seeking to claim royal power for themselves commemorating power in early medieval saxony looks at how the past was evoked for political purposes under a new saxon dynasty the ottonians who came to dominate post carolingian europe as the rulers of a new empire in germany and italy with the accession of the first ottonian king henry i in 919 sites commemorating the king s family came to the foreground of the medieval german kingdom the most remarkable of these were two convents of monastic women gandersheim and quedlinburg whose prominence and prestige in ottonian politics have been seen as exceptional in the history of early medieval western europe in this volume sarah greer offers a fresh interpretation of how these convents became central sites in the new ottonian empire by revealing how the women in these communities themselves were skilful political actors who were more than capable of manipulating memory for their own benefit in this first major study in english of how these saxon convents functioned as memorial centres greer presents a new vision of the first german dynasty one characterized by contingency versatility and the power of the past

Narrative and History in the Early Medieval West

2006

in recent years numerous advances in archaeological and historical studies have enhanced our understanding of the form and function of settlements and strongholds in the landscapes of early medieval england until now this groundbreaking work has not been matched in studies of early english literature where no concerted effort has been made to investigate how these findings can inform our understanding of their representation in texts and vice versa this study shows that literary works offer considerable insight into the ways their authors readers and other audiences thought and felt about the

constructed places and spaces in which they lived their lives covering a broad range of evidence from the end of roman rule to the conquest it is the first study of its kind to offer an interdisciplinary account of the relationship between the built environment as it appears in the material record and in a range of textual productions settlements and strongholds interrogates correlations and disjunctions between the stories found in the soil and in written works of various kinds focusing on vernacular texts and latin works that informed their development it argues for a deeper appreciation of the relationship between imaginative works and the material contexts in which they were created revealing the parallel development of ideas and concepts that were fundamental in shaping early medieval england

Early Medieval Europe, 300-1000

1999

between a d 200 and 1000 sponsorship at baptism evolved from a simple liturgical act into a mechanism for the creation of enduring relationships regarded as especially holy forms of kinship combining anthropological historical theological and literary approaches joseph lynch presents a comprehensive analysis of the origins and development in western society of this spiritual kinship because of its solemnity and adaptability such kinship gradually took its place alongside blood and marital ties as a fundamental part of medieval society continuing to expand in high and late medieval europe and to flourish even in modern times particularly in latin america professor lynch traces the liturgical practices and theological beliefs undergirding sponsorship and examines its social purposes including sacralization of personal friendships creation of client patron relationships extension of marital taboos provision of protectors for the young fostering of trust among adults and dissemination of religious instruction in the process he offers a rich array of insights into the church s role in the passage of western society from antiquity to the middle ages joseph h lynch is professor of history and former director of the center for medieval and renaissance studies at ohio state university he is author of simoniacal entry into religious life form 1000 to 1260 a social economic and legal study ohio state originally published in 1986 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich

scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

Commemorating Power in Early Medieval Saxony

2021-10-19

st katherine of alexandria was one of the most popular saints in both the orthodox and latin churches in the later middle ages yet there has been little study into the way in which her cult developed before c 1200 this new book redresses the balance providing a thorough examination of the way the cult spread from the greek speaking lands of the eastern mediterranean and into western europe

Settlements and Strongholds in Early Medieval England

2020

cursor mundi is a publication series of inter and multi disciplinary studies of the medieval and early modern world viewed broadly as the period between late antiquity and the enlightenment like its companion the journal viator cursor mundi brings together outstanding work by medieval and early modern scholars from a wide range of disciplines emphasizing studies which focus on processes such as cultural exchange or the course of an idea through the centuries and including investigations beyond the traditional boundaries of europe and the mediterranean

Early Medieval Art

1968

this volume focuses on the strategies through which secular and ecclesiastical authorities throughout the early medieval world shaped and exploited christian culture in their own interests and the simultaneous attempts of rivals and sceptics to

resist that same process

Godparents and Kinship in Early Medieval Europe

2019-01-29

there are forces better recognized as belonging to human society than repressed or left to waste away or growl about upon its fringes so writes valerie flint in this powerful work on magic in early medieval europe flint shows how many of the more discerning leaders of the early medieval church decided to promote non christian practices originally condemned as magical rather than repressing them or leaving them to waste away or growl these wise leaders actively and enthusiastically incorporated specific kinds of magic into the dominant culture not only to appease the contemporary non christian opposition but also to enhance christianity itself

The Cult of St Katherine of Alexandria in Early Medieval Europe

2007-01-01

a major contribution to the study and understanding of early medieval ireland which offers radical interpretations of new evidence

Franks, Northmen, and Slavs

2008

this book explores rural societies in western europe from 700 1050 it focuses on the bottom of the social hierarchy rejecting views that see rural society exclusively through the structures of lordship and challenging the teleological idea of the residential group as the prototype of the late medieval structured community

An Age of Saints?

2013-02-06

the period 1200 1550 opened in a time of population expansion but went on to suffer the demographically cataclysmic effects of the plague beginning with the black death of 1347 51 the period dawned with a confident papacy and the albigensian crusade against heretics and ended with the catholic church torn apart by the protestant reformation huge challenges were affecting society in various ways but they did not always affect men and women in the same ways helen m jewell provides a lively survey of western european women s activities and experiences during this timeframe the core chapters investigate the function of women in the countryside and towns the role of women in the ruling and landholding classes women within the context of religion this practical centre of the book is embedded in an analysis of the gender theories inherited from the earlier middle ages which continued to underpin laws which restricted women s activity an education system which offered them inferior institutional provision and a church which denied them ministry three individuals who vastly exceeded these expectations crashing through the glass ceilings of their day are brought together in a fascinating final chapter combining a historiographical survey of trends over the last thirty years with more recent scholarship this is as indispensable introduction for anyone with an interest in women s history from the late medieval period through to the reformation

The Rise of Magic in Early Medieval Europe

2020-03-31

this volume is the first to study the phenomenon of early medieval militarisation from a wide geographic and disciplinary perspective it explores the impact of an enhanced role attributed to warfare and the military as characteristic features of a european world in the process of becoming medieval

Early Medieval Munster

1998

major sites such as hamwic and dorestad typically dominate any discussion of early medieval trade and emporia this study is altogether atypical in many ways comprising nineteen papers taken from a conference held at worcester college oxford in 2000 the focus here is very much on the smaller more rural trading centres and inland markets of northern europe the contributors reflect very different approaches to the material including studies that examine up to date historical archaeological and numismatic evidence from britain denmark the netherlands norway and sweden dating from the 7th to 9th century the authors consider the rather controversial use of metal detecting in identifying and defining new sites and patterns of interaction and exchange highlighting its positive contribution contributors include mark blackburn david griffiths lars jorgensen michael metcalf julian d richards peter sawyer and astrid tummuscheit

Neighbours and Strangers

2020-03-27

this volume theorises early medieval studies in order to better understand early medieval social life and its relation to modern nationalism and ethnicity

Women In Dark Age And Early Medieval Europe c.500-1200

2006-10-04

framed by the decline of the heian aristocracy in the late 1100s and the rise of the tokugawa shogunate in the early 1600s japan s medieval era was a chaotic period of diffuse political power and frequent military strife this instability prevented central authorities from regulating trade issuing currency enforcing contracts or guaranteeing property rights but the lack of

a strong central government did not inhibit economic growth rather it created opportunities for a wider spectrum of society to participate in trade markets and monetization peripheral elites including merchants warriors rural estate managers and religious leaders devised new ways to circumvent older forms of exchange by importing chinese currency trading in local markets and building an effective system of long distance money remittance over time the central government recognized the futility of trying to stifle these developments and by the sixteenth century it asserted greater control over monetary matters throughout the realm drawing upon diaries tax ledgers temple records and government decrees ethan isaac segal chronicles how the circulation of copper currency and the expansion of trade led to the start of a market centered economy and laid the groundwork for japan s transformation into an early modern society

Early Medieval Militarisation

2021-03-30

christianization and commonwealth in early medieval europe re examines the alterations in western european life that followed widespread conversion to christianity the phenomena traditionally termed christianization it refocuses scholarly paradigms for christianization around the development of mandatory rituals one prominent ritual rogationtide supplies an ideal case study demonstrating a new paradigm of christianization without religion christianization in the middle ages was not a slow process through which a christian system of religious beliefs and practices replaced an earlier pagan system in the middle ages religion did not exist in the sense of a fixed system of belief bounded off from other spheres of life rather christianization was primarily ritual performance being a christian meant joining a local church community after the fall of rome mandatory rituals such as rogationtide arose to separate a christian commonwealth from the pagans heretics and jews outside it a latin west between the polis and the parish had its own institution the rogation procession for organizing local communities for medieval people sectarian borders were often flexible and rituals served to demarcate these borders rogationtide is an ideal case study of this demarcation because it was an emotionally powerful feast which combined pageantry with doctrinal instruction community formation social ranking devotional exercises and bodily mortification as a result rival groups quarrelled over the holiday s meaning and procedure sometimes violently in order to reshape the local order and ban people and practices as non christian

Markets in Early Medieval Europe

2003-12-01

this wide ranging volume combines hagiography and chronicles with less well known charters and archaeology to illuminate the social history of medicine in southern italy its detailed analysis provides new insight into the experience of sickness in the middle ages

Social Identity in Early Medieval Britain

2000-09-13

in this powerfully argued original and well balanced study hans hummer investigates the operation of political power in early medieval europe from 600 to 1000ad focusing on the region of alsace hummer elucidates the networks of monasteries and kin groups that formed the basis of the local political order and demonstrates the importance of monastic control standing on a recurrent political fault line alsace is a fascinating case study upon which to base an exploration of the relationship between local and central power over these four centuries

Coins, Trade, and the State

2020-03-17

in the modern world angels can often seem to be no more than a symbol but in the middle ages men and women thought differently some offered prayers intended to secure the angelic assistance for the living and the dead others erected stone monuments carved with images of winged figures and still others made angels the subject of poetic endeavour and theological scholarship this wealth of material has never been fully explored and was once dismissed as the detritus of a superstitious age angels in medieval england offers a different perspective by using angels as a prism through which to

study the changing religious culture of an unfamiliar age focusing on one corner of medieval europe which produced an abundance of material relating to angels richard sowerby investigates the way that ancient beliefs about angels were preserved and adapted in england during the anglo saxon period between the sixth century and the eleventh the convictions of anglo saxon men and women about the world of the spirits underwent a gradual transformation this book is the first to explore that transformation and to show the ways in which the anglo saxons tried to reconcile their religious inheritance with their own perspectives about the world human nature and god

Christianization and Commonwealth in Early Medieval Europe

2018

irish scholars who arrived in continental europe in the early middle ages are often credited with making some of the most important contributions to european culture and learning of the time from the introduction of a new calendar to monastic reform among them were celebrated personalities such as st columbanus john scottus eriugena and sedulius scottus who were in the vanguard of a constant stream of arrivals from ireland to continental europe collectively known as peregrini the continental response to this irish diaspora ranged from admiration to open hostility especially when peregrini were deemed to challenge prevalent cultural or spiritual conventions this volume brings together leading historians archaeologists and palaeographers who provide for the first time a comprehensive assessment of the phenomenon of irish peregrini in their continental context and the manner in which it is framed by modern scholarship as well as the popular imagination

Health and Medicine in Early Medieval Southern Italy

1997

why did early medieval kings declare certain properties to be immune from the judicial and fiscal encroachments of their own agents did weakness compel them to prohibit their agents from entering these properties as historians have traditionally believed in a richly detailed book that will be greeted as a landmark addition to the literature on the middle

ages barbara h rosenwein argues that immunities were markers of power by placing restraints on themselves and their agents kings demonstrated their authority affirmed their status and manipulated the boundaries of sacred space rosenwein transforms our understanding of an institution central to the political and social dynamics of medieval europe she reveals how immunities were used by kings and other leaders to forge alliances with the noble families and monastic centers that were central to their power generally viewed as unchanging juridical instruments immunities as they appear here are as fluid and diverse as the disparate social and political conflicts that they at once embody and seek to defuse their legacy reverberates in the modern world where liberal institutions with their emphasis on state restraint clash with others that encourage governmental intrusion the protections against unreasonable searches and seizures provided by english common law and the u s constitution developed in part out of the medieval experience of immunities and the institutions that were elaborated to breach them

Politics and Power in Early Medieval Europe

2009-06-25

this series focuses on western europe in the early middle ages and covers work in the areas of history language literature archaeology art history and religious studies it brings together current scholarship on early medieval britain with scholarship on western continental europe and viking scandinavia these areas have more traditionally been studied separately or in terms of the interaction of discrete cultures and regions as well as advocating new approaches across geographical and political divisions this series spans the conventional distinctions between late antiquity and the early middle ages on the one hand and the early middle ages and the twelfth century on the other responding to renewed interest in the powerful early medieval kingdom of northumbria this volume uses evidence drawn from archaeology documentary history place names and artistic works to produce an unashamedly cross disciplinary body of scholarship that addresses all aspects of northumbria s past northumbria at its peak stretched from the river humber to the scottish highlands and westwards to the irish sea producing saints kings and scholars with contacts across europe from scandinavia ireland and francia to rome itself this volume unites papers on all aspects of this major european power of its day from its origins in the fifth and sixth centuries from british and anglo saxon chiefdoms through its golden age as eighth century europe s intellectual powerhouse to its role

as a key element of an international viking kingdom where traditional scholarship has centred on the ecclesiastical high culture of the age of bede this work examines the kingdom s social and economic life and its origins and decline as well there is a stress on approaching established bodies of material from new perspectives and engaging with wider debates in the field including monumentality the development of kingships and the evolution of the early church areas investigated include the kingdom s political history its economy and society and its wider place within europe its unique artistic legacy in the form of illuminated manuscripts and a rich sculptural tradition is also explored book jacket

Angels in Early Medieval England

2016-07-28

fifty early medieval things explores objects and places for what they really are the fabric of the world the raw materials of life and history this book begins with an extensive introduction to the historiography an assessment of the methodological and epistemological implications of studying material culture and an exploration of the diverse facets of the human experience that the study of the material world can help to illuminate followed by fifty short chapters each focused on a specific object and a glossary of key terms and concepts fifty early medieval things invites students of early medieval history and material culture to engage with objects in new and exciting ways

The Irish in Early Medieval Europe

2016-05-13

in the germanic hero brian murdoch looks at the role the warrior hero plays within a set of predetermined political and social constraints the hero is not a sword wielding barbarian bent only upon establishing his own fame such fame seekers including some famous medieval literary figures might even fall outside the definition of the germanic hero the real value of whose deeds are given meaning only within the political construct individual prowess is not enough the hero must conquer the blows of fate because he is committed to the conquest of chaos and over all to the need for social stability brian murdoch

discusses works in old english old and middle high german old norse latin and old french deliberately going beyond what is normally thought of as heroic poetry to include the german so called minstrel epic and a work by a writer who is normally classified as a late medieval chivalric poet konrad von wurzburg the comparison of which with beowulf allows us to span half a millennium

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