Compiled by Caroline Goodson, Tom Hooper, Michael Humphreys, Rosamond McKitterick, Peter Sarris, and Richard Sowerby

Revised July 2019
Table of Contents

A: THE ROMAN EMPIRE TO THE THIRD CENTURY ................................................................. 3
IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION .................................................................. 3
FROM THE ‘THIRD-CENTURY CRISIS’ TO THE TETRARCHS .................................................. 4
THE ROMAN ECONOMY ........................................................................................................... 5
IMPERIAL CULT AND ROMAN RELIGION ............................................................................. 5
GENDER AND SEXUALITY ................................................................................................... 6
SLAVERY AND ROMAN SOCIETY .......................................................................................... 6
B: LATE ANTIQUITY ............................................................................................................... 7
FROM CONSTANTINE TO JULIAN ........................................................................................ 7
THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE EMPIRE ....................................................................... 7
THE EMERGENCE OF MONASTICISM ............................................................................... 9
TOWNS AND ECONOMIC CHANGE .................................................................................. 10
C: THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES ............................................................................................ 11
BARBARIAN INVASION AND SETTLEMENT ...................................................................... 11
VANDAL AFRICA .................................................................................................................. 13
OSTROGOTHIC ITALY ......................................................................................................... 14
VISIGOTHIC SPAIN .............................................................................................................. 15
MEROVINGIAN GAUL AND THE FRANKS ......................................................................... 16
BYZANTIUM IN THE AGE OF JUSTINIAN .......................................................................... 17
THE WORLD OF EARLY ISLAM .......................................................................................... 18
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE .................................................................................. 19
BYZANTIUM IN THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH CENTURIES ...................................... 20
THE CAROLINGIAN EMPIRE ............................................................................................... 22
THE VIKINGS ...................................................................................................................... 23
EARLY MEDIEVAL KINGSHIP ............................................................................................. 24
EARLY MEDIEVAL QUEENSHIP .......................................................................................... 24
LAW AND LEGISLATION ..................................................................................................... 24
TOWNS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ..................................................................... 25
MEN AND WOMEN IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES ........................................................... 25
THE CHURCH ....................................................................................................................... 26

The entries given here for each topic offer only very select reading lists as introductions to topics within the paper. Lectures will provide further bibliography on specific subjects, and supervisions will provide more.
A: The Roman Empire to the third century

Augustus

Sources


General reading


Tacitus


IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Sources


General reading


Peter Garnsey and Richard P. Saller, The Roman Empire: Economy, Society and Culture (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989) [Part I]


---


FROM THE ‘THIRD-CENTURY CRISIS’ TO THE TETRARCHS

Sources


General reading


**On the ‘third-century crisis’:**


**On Diocletian and the Tetrarchy:**


For regional ‘crises’:

**THE ROMAN ECONOMY**

**Sources**

**Reading**

**IMPERIAL CULT AND ROMAN RELIGION**

**Sources**

**Reading**

**Imperial cult**
GENDER AND SEXUALITY
Sources

General Reading

SLAVERY AND ROMAN SOCIETY
Sources

General Reading
B: Late Antiquity

Overviews

Sources

FROM CONSTANTINE TO JULIAN
Sources

*Constantine*

*Julian*

*Imperial government*

THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE EMPIRE
Sources


Introductions


[chs. 3–7]


General reading

Peter Brown, Authority and the sacred: aspects of the Christianisation of the Roman world (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995). [chs. 1–2]


Michael Gaddis, There is no crime for those who have Christ: religious violence in the Christian Roman Empire, The transformation of the classical heritage 39 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005).

Eduard Iricinschi and Holger M. Zellentin (eds.), Heresy and identity in late antiquity (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008).


Ramsay MacMullen, Christianizing the Roman Empire: (AD 100-400) (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984). [esp. chs. 5–11]


‘Pagan monotheism’


--- ‘Were ancient heresies national or social movements in disguise?’, Journal of Theological Studies 10, 2 (1959), 280-98.
Late Antiquity


**Donatists**


**Christological controversies**


‘Priscillian and Priscillianism’


*Augustine and ‘Pelagianism’*


THE EMERGENCE OF MONASTICISM

**Sources**


**Reading**


**TOWNS AND ECONOMIC CHANGE**


C: The Early Middle Ages

Overviews


BARBARIAN INVASION AND SETTLEMENT

Sources

General reading


Further discussions:
Alan Cameron, Jacqueline Long and Lee Francis Sherry, Barbarians and politics at the Court of Arcadius, The transformation of the classical heritage 19 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993). [esp. chs. 6 and 8]
Ralph W. Mathisen and Hagith Sivan, Shifting frontiers in late antiquity (Aldershot: Variorum, 1996). [esp. ch. 3]
Walter Pohl (ed.) Kingdoms of the Empire: the integration of barbarians in late Antiquity (Leiden: Brill, 1997).

Relations between 'Romans' and 'barbarians':
--- Barbarian tides: the migration age and the later Roman Empire The Middle Ages series (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006). [ch. 6]
Thomas F. X. Noble, From Roman provinces to Medieval kingdoms Rewriting histories (New York: Routledge, 2006) [esp. chs. 9, 11 and 13]
VANDAL AFRICA

Sources


General reading


OSTROGOTHIC ITALY

Sources

General reading
Sam Barnish and Federico Marazzi (eds.), *Ostrogoths from the Migration Period to the Sixth Century: Ethnographic Perspective* (Woodbridge: Boydell, 2007).
--- *Framing the early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean 400-800* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005). [chs. 1–4, 10–11 have sections on Italy]

Theoderic

Cassiodorus

Jordanes
VISIGOTHIC SPAIN

Sources

Introductions

Further reading
Peter Heather (ed.) Visigoths from the migration period to the seventh century: an ethnographic perspective (Woodbridge: Boydell, 1999).

The Muslim conquest of Visigothic Spain:
Francis X. Murphy, ‘Julian of Toledo and the Fall of the Visigothic Kingdom in Spain’, Speculum 27, 1 (1952), 1-27.
MEROVINGIAN GAUL AND THE FRANKS


Introductions:


John Michael Wallace-Hadrill, *The long-haired kings, and other studies in Frankish history* Medieval Academy reprints for teaching 11 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1982).


Further reading


Ralph W. Mathisen and Danuta Shanzer (eds.), *Society and culture in late antique Gaul: revisiting the sources* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2001).


*Clovis*


*Gregory of Tours*


Early Middle Ages

BYZANTIUM IN THE AGE OF JUSTINIAN

Sources

General reading

Justinian
--- The empress Theodora: partner of Justinian 1st (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002).

Legal reforms

Plague and the economy

The Nika riot

Procopius
THE WORLD OF EARLY ISLAM

Sources


General reading


Robert Hoyland, In God’s Path (2015)


Muhammad and his legacy:


Source issues:


J. D. Howard-Johnston, Witnesses to a world crisis: historians and histories of the Middle East in the seventh century (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Sources
[Scattered in documents from neighbouring regions: make full use of the indices]

Reading
--- Southeastern Europe in the Middle Ages, 500-1250 Cambridge medieval textbooks (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006).
Matthew Innes, ‘Review article: Franks and Slavs c. 700-1000: the problem of European expansion before the millennium’, Early Medieval Europe 6, 2 (1997), 201-16.
BYZANTIUM IN THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH CENTURIES

Sources

Introductions
Cyril A. Mango, Byzantium, the empire of New Rome History of civilization (New York: Scribner, 1980).

Byzantium and its neighbours

Iconoclasm

Further issues:

THE CAROLINGIAN EMPIRE

Sources

The emergence of the Carolingians

Expansion and warfare

Charlemagne

Louis the Pious

The later Carolingians

Kingship, government and law

The Carolingian renaissance

Church and reform:

THE VIKINGS
Sources
Russell A. McDonald and Angus A. Somerville (eds.), Viking Age: Reader (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2010).

Introductions:


---

Raiding and reaction:
---

‘Frankish Tribute Payments to the Vikings and their Consequences’, Francia 26, 1 (1999), 57-75.
---


Peter Sawyer, Kings and Vikings, Scandinavia and Europe AD 700-1100 (New York: Methuen, 1982).


EARLY MEDIEVAL KINGSHIP


Anne Duggan, Kings and Kingship in Medieval Europe (London: King’s College, 1993).


---


EARLY MEDIEVAL QUEENSHIP
Anne Duggan, Queens and queenship in medieval Europe (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 1996).

Theresa Earenfight, Queenship in medieval Europe Queenship and power (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).


Liz James, Empresses and power in early Byzantium Women, power, and politics (London: Leicester University Press, 2001).


LAW AND LEGISLATION
Early Middle Ages

--- *Property and power in the early Middle Ages* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).

**TOWNS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

--- and Brian Hobley (eds.), *Rebirth of towns in the West, AD 700-1050: a review of current research into how, when, and why there was a rebirth of towns between 700 and 1050* (London: Council for British Archaeology, 1988).
--- *The rise of cities in north-west Europe Themes in international urban history* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).
--- *Framing the early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean 400-800* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005).

**MEN AND WOMEN IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES**

Sources

Reading
John Boswell, Christianity, social tolerance and homosexuality: gay people in Western Europe from the beginning of the Christian era to the fourteenth century (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1980).
Leslie Brubaker and Julia M. H. Smith, Gender in the early medieval world: East and West, 300-900 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

THE CHURCH
General

Rome and the papacy
Cristina La Rocca (ed.) Italy in the early Middle Ages: 476-1000 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). [ch. 5]
R. A. Markus, Gregory the Great and his world (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).
Rosamond McKittrick, John Osborne, Carol M. Richardson and Joanna Story (eds.), Old Saint Peter’s, Rome (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013).


**Missionary activity**


**The cult of saints**


