POWER AND PATRONAGE IN
EARLY MEDIEVAL ITALY

Founded around the beginning of the eighth century in the Sabine hills north of Rome, the abbey of Farfa was for centuries a barometer of social and political change in central Italy. Conventionally, the region’s history in the early Middle Ages revolves around the rise of the papacy as a secular political power. But Farfa’s avoidance of domination by the pope throughout its early medieval history, despite one pope’s involvement in its early establishment, reveals that papal aggrandizement had strict limits. Other parties – local elites, as well as Lombard and then Carolingian rulers – were often more important in structuring power in the region. Many were also patrons of Farfa, and this book, the first detailed study of the abbey in the early Middle Ages, reveals how a major ecclesiastical institution operated in early medieval politics, as a conduit for others’ interests and as a player in its own right.

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<td><strong>AHR</strong></td>
<td>American Historical Review</td>
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<td><strong>ARF</strong></td>
<td>Annales Regni Francorum, ed. F. Kurze, MGH SRG (Hanover, 1895)</td>
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<td>Codex epistolaris Carolinus, ed. W. Gundlach, MGH Epp. iii (Hanover, 1892), pp. 469–567</td>
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<td><strong>CCM</strong></td>
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<td><strong>CCSL</strong></td>
<td>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina (Turnhout, 1952–)</td>
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| **CDL**      | Codice diplomatico longobardo, cited by volume and document number:  
- vol. i, ed. L. Schiaparelli, Fonti per la storia d’Italia 62 (Rome, 1929)  
- vol. ii, ed. L. Schiaparelli, Fonti per la storia d’Italia 63 (Rome, 1933)  
- vol. iii, ed. C. Brühl, Fonti per la storia d’Italia 64 (Rome, 1973)  
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<td>CISAM</td>
<td>Centro italiano di studi sull’alto medioevo</td>
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<td><em>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</em>, 95 vols. (Vienna, 1866–)</td>
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<td>DA</td>
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<td>Grimuald</td>
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<td>HZ</td>
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<td>IGM</td>
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<td>Jaffè, RP</td>
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<td>JMH</td>
<td><em>Journal of Medieval History</em></td>
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<td>Liutprand</td>
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MGH  Monumenta Germaniae Historica:
Capit.  Capitularia regum Francorum, eds. A. Boretius and V. Krause, MGH Leges sectio 3, 2 vols. (Hanover, 1883–97)
Dipl.  Diplomata (Hanover and Berlin, 1872–)
Epp.  Epistolae III–VIII (Epistolae Merovingici et Carolini aevi) (Hanover, 1892–1939)
LL  Legum in quarto
SRG  Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi (Hanover, 1871–)
SRG NS  Scriptores rerum Germanicarum, nova series (Hanover, 1922–)
SRL  Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum saec. VI–IX, ed. G. Waitz (Hanover, 1878)
SS  Scriptores (32 vols., Hanover, 1826–1934)
SRM  Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum, ed. B. Krusch, and W. Levison, 7 vols. (Hanover, 1885–1920)

MIÖG  Mitteilungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung


PBSR  Papers of the British School at Rome


QFIAB  Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken.

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