THEODERIC AND THE ROMAN IMPERIAL RESTORATION

This book provides a new interpretation of the fall of the Roman Empire and the “barbarian” kingdom known conventionally as Ostrogothic Italy. Relying primarily on Italian textual and material evidence, and in particular the works of Cassiodorus and Ennodius, Jonathan J. Arnold argues that contemporary Italo-Romans viewed the Ostrogothic kingdom as the Western Roman Empire and its “barbarian” king, Theoderic (r. 489/93–526), as its emperor. Investigating conceptions of Romanness, Arnold explains how the Roman past, both immediate and distant, allowed Theoderic and his Goths to find acceptance in Italy as Romans, with roles essential to the empire’s perceived recovery. Theoderic and the Roman Imperial Restoration demonstrates how Theoderic’s careful attention to imperial traditions, good governance, and reconquest followed by the re-Romanization of lost imperial territories contributed to contemporary sentiments of imperial resurgence and a golden age. There was no need for Justinian to restore the Western Empire: Theoderic had already done so.

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<td>AA</td>
<td>Auctores Antiquissimi.</td>
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<td>AnonVal</td>
<td>Anonymi Valesiani pars posterior.</td>
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<td>CassChron</td>
<td>Cassiodori Senatoris Chronica ad a. DXIX.</td>
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<td>CassOratReliquiae</td>
<td>Cassiodori Orationum Reliquiae.</td>
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<td>CCCM</td>
<td>Corpus Christianorum. Continuatio Mediaevalis.</td>
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<td>CCSL</td>
<td>Corpus Christianorum. Series Latina.</td>
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<td>CIL</td>
<td>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum.</td>
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<td>CSEL</td>
<td>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum.</td>
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<td>CTh</td>
<td>Codex Theodosianus.</td>
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<td>Fiebiger 1</td>
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<td>Frag.</td>
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<td>HA, DAur</td>
<td>Historia Augusta, Divus Aurelianus.</td>
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<td>HA, TT</td>
<td>Historia Augusta, Tyranni Triginta.</td>
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<td>Hist. Goth.</td>
<td>Isidori Iunioris episcopi Hispalensis historia Gothorum Wandalorum Sueborum ad a. DCXXIV.</td>
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<td>ILS</td>
<td>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae.</td>
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<td>LHF</td>
<td>Liber Historiae Francorum.</td>
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<td>LL</td>
<td>Leges (in Folio).</td>
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**LTUR**
Steinby, Eva Margareta, ed. *Lexicon Topographicum Urbis Romae*.

**Marc. Com.**
*Marcellini v.c. comitis Chronicon ad a. DXVIII*.

**MGH**
Monumenta Germaniae Historica.

**NMaj**
Novellae Maioriani.

**NVal**
Novellae Valentiniani.

**PanTh**
Ennodius, *Panegyricus dictus clementissimo regi Theoderico*.

**PL**
Patrologiae cursus completus, series Latina.

**PLRE**
Martindale, J. R. *The Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire*.

**SC**
Sources chrétiennes.

**SRL**
Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum Saec. VI–IX.

**SRM**
Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum.

**TLL**
*Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*.

**TTH**
Translated Texts for Historians.

**VE**
Ennodius, *Vita Epiphanii*. 