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ABBREVIATIONS

AHP  Archivum Historiae Pontificiae
AHR  American Historical Review
Annales ESC  Annales: Economies, Sociétés, Civilisations
ANS  Anglo-Norman Studies
BEC  Bibliothèque de l’Ecole des Chartes
BF  Byzantische Forschungen
BHL  Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina
BIHR  Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research
BISI  Bullettino dell’Istituto Storico Italiano per il Medio Evo e Archivio Muratoriano
BMGS  Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies
BS  Byzantinolavica
BSOAS  Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies
BZ  Byzantinische Zeitschrift
CCCM  Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis
CCM  Cahiers de Civilisation Médiévale
COD  Conciliorum oecumenicorum decreta, ed. J. Alberigo, J. A. Dossetti et al., 3rd edn, Bologna (1973)
DA  Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters
DOP  Dumbarton Oaks Papers
EΕΒΣ  Συλλογία Επετειαίων Βυζαντινών Σπουδών
EEMCA  Estudios de Estado Media de la Corona de Aragón
EHR  English Historical Review
FmaSt  Frühmittelalterliche Studien
FSI  Fonti per la Storia d’Italia, ed. Istituto Storico Italiano, 118 vols. so far, Rome (1887–)
HZ  Historische Zeitschriften
JEH  Journal of Ecclesiastical History
List of abbreviations

JL

JMH
Journal of Medieval History

JöB
Jahrbuch des österreichischen Byzantinistik

JNAS
Jahrbuch des österreichischen Byzantinistik

MA
Le Moyen Age

Mansi

MGH
Monumenta Germaniae Historica, ed. G. H. Pertz et al., Hanover, Weimar, Stuttgart and Cologne (1826–)

Constitutiones
Constitutiones et acta publica imperatorum et regum, 11 vols. so far (1893–)

Diplomata
Diplomata regum et imperatorum Germaniae, 19 vols. so far (1879–)

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S
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SRG
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SRG NS
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MÖG
Mitteilungen des Instituts für österreichische Geschichtsforschung

NA
Neues Archiv

NCMH
The New Cambridge Medieval History

OCP
Orientalia Christiana Periodica

PbP
Past and Present

PBA
Proceedings of the British Academy

PL

QFIAB
Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken

RBin
Revue Bénédictine

REB
Revue des Etudes Byzantines

RES-EE
Revue des Etudes Sud-est Européennes
List of abbreviations


RHE Revue d’Histoire Ecclésiastique


RIS NS Rerum Italicarum Scriptores, 2nd edn, ed. G. Carducci et. al., 34 vols. so far, Città di Castello and Bologna (1900–)

RS Rerum Britannicarum Medii Aevi Scriptores, publ. under the direction of the Master of the Rolls, 99 vols., London (1858–96)

SG Studi Gregoriani

TM Travaux et Mémoires

TRHS Transactions of the Royal Historical Society

VV Vizantiniskij VZNmenik

ZDPV Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins

ZRG Zeitschrift für Rechtsgeschichte

ZRVI Zbornik Radova Vizantinolohkog Instituta

ZSSRG Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte

KA Kanonistische Abteilung