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Note

Because many names have no English equivalent, we used the local forms of names. We chose the term central Europe to designate Bohemia, Moravia, Poland and Hungary; others may prefer central-eastern, east-central or eastern Europe for these polities. Central-eastern Europe designates central Europe and Rus'.

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AQ *Ausgewählte Quellen zur deutschen Geschichte des Mittelalters*

MGH *Monumenta Germaniae Historica*

SRG *Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim
editi*

n.s. nova series

SS *Scriptores*

MPH *Monumenta Poloniae Historica*

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