Canon law touched nearly every aspect of medieval society, including many issues we now think of as purely secular. It regulated marriages, oaths, usury, sorcery, heresy, university life, penance, just war, court procedure, and Christian relations with religious minorities. Canon law also regulated the clergy and the Church, one of the most important institutions in the Middle Ages. This Cambridge History offers a comprehensive survey of canon law, both chronologically and thematically. Written by an international team of scholars, it explores, in non-technical language, how it operated in the daily life of people and in the great political events of the time. The volume demonstrates that medieval canon law holds a unique position in the legal history of Europe. Indeed, the influence of medieval canon law, which was at the forefront of introducing and defining concepts such as “equity,” “rationality,” “office,” and “positive law,” has been enormous, long-lasting, and remarkably diverse.

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Abbreviations

AKKR Archiv für katholisches Kirchenrecht
BAV Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
BMCL Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law, new series
BNF Bibliothèque nationale de France
C. Causa
c. canon(s), capitulum/capitula, century, circa
CCCM Corpus Christianorum, continuatio mediaevalis
CCSL Corpus Christianorum, series latina
col., cols. column, columns
CSCO Corpus scriptorum Christianorum orientalium
D. distinctio
da.c. dictum ante canonem / capitulum
d.p.c. dictum post canonem / capitulum
De cons. De consecratione (= Part 3 of Gratian’s Decretum)
De pen. De penitentia (= C. 33 q. 3 of Gratian’s Decretum)
fo., fos. folio, folios
GCS Griechische Christliche Schriftsteller
GW Gesamtkatalog der WieSENDrucke, www.gesamtkatalogderwieSENDrucke.de
HDIEO Histoire du droit et des institutions de l’Église en Occident
HMCL History of Medieval Canon Law, ed. Wilfried Hartmann and Kenneth Pennington
ISTC Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue, http://data.cerl.org/istc/
JE, JK, JL Philipp Jaffe, Regesta pontificum Romanorum, 2nd ed. Leipzig, 1885–8
LMA Lexikon des Mittelalters. Zurich, 1977–99
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Mansi Johannes Domenicus Mansi, Sacrorum conciliorum collectio nova et amplissima. Florence and Venice, 1759–98
MGH Monumenta Germaniae Historica
MGH: Conc. Monumenta Germaniae Historica: Concilia
MGH: Diplomata Monumenta Germaniae Historica: Diplomata regum et imperatorum Germaniae
MGH: Leges Monumenta Germaniae Historica: Leges [in quarto]
MIC Monumenta iuris canonici
p., pp. page, pages
PG Patrologia graeca
PL Patrologia latina
q. quaestio, quaestiones
QFIAB Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken
RIDL Rivista internazionale di diritto comune
v. verso
WH Walther Holtzmann number
ZRG: GA Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte: Germanistische Abteilung
ZRG: KA Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte: Kanonistische Abteilung
ZRG: RA Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte: Romanistische Abteilung

Abbreviated law books

1 Comp. Compilatio prima
2 Comp. Compilatio secunda
3 Comp. Compilatio tertia
4 Comp. Compilatio quarta
5 Comp. Compilatio quinta
4L Collection in Four Books
5L Collection in Five Books
10P Collection in Ten Parts

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183T Collection in 183 Titles
74T Collection in Seventy-Four Titles
Clem. Decretales Clementinae (1317)
Cod. Justinian’s Code
Dig. Justinian’s Digest
Extrav. co. Extravagantes communes
Extrav. Jo. Extravagantes Iohannis XXII (1325)
Grat. Gratian’s Decretum (c. 1140–50)
Inst. Justinian’s Institutes
Nov. The Novels
Polyc. Polycarpus
VI Liber sextus (1298)
X Liber extra (Gregory IX’s Decretals; 1234)

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