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Abbreviations

<i>ACO</i>	<i>Acta conciliorum oecumenicorum</i> , 17 vols. (Berlin, 1914–1984), ed. E. Schwartz and J. Straub
<i>AfD</i>	<i>Archiv für Diplomatik, Schriftgeschichte, Siegel- und Wappenkunde</i>
<i>AHP</i>	<i>Archivum historiae pontificae</i>
<i>AL</i>	<i>Annales Laureshamenses</i> (Annals of Lorsch), ed. E. Katz (St Paul, 1889)
<i>AM</i>	<i>Annales Mosellani</i> , ed. I. M. Lappenberg, <i>MGH SS</i> 16 (Hanover, 1859)
<i>AMa</i>	<i>Annals of Massay</i> , ed. P. Labbé, <i>Novae bibliothecae manuscriptorum librorum</i> (Paris, 1657), vol. II, pp. 733–6
<i>AMP</i>	<i>Annales Mettenses priores</i> , ed. B. von Simson, <i>MGH SRG</i> 10 (Hanover, 1905)
<i>Annales ESC</i>	<i>Annales: économies, sociétés, civilisations</i>
<i>AP</i>	<i>Annales Petaviani</i> , ed. G. H. Pertz, <i>MGH SS</i> 1 (Hanover 1826)
<i>AQ</i>	<i>Ausgewählte Quellen zur deutschen Geschichte des Mittelalters</i> (Darmstadt, 1955–)
<i>ARF</i>	<i>Annales regni Francorum</i> , ed. F. Kurze, <i>MGH SRG</i> 6 (Hanover, 1895)
<i>BAV</i>	Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
<i>BHL</i>	<i>Bibliographica hagiographica latina</i>
Blaise, <i>Dictionnaire</i>	A. Blaise, <i>Dictionnaire latin-français des auteurs chrétiens</i> (Turnhout, 1954)
<i>BnF</i>	Bibliothèque nationale de France
<i>BT</i>	<i>Bibliotheca scriptorum Graecorum et Romanorum Teubneriana</i> , 1849–
<i>CC</i>	<i>Codex Carolinus</i> , ed. W. Gundlach, <i>MGH Epp.</i> III (Berlin, 1892), pp. 469–657
<i>CCCM</i>	<i>Corpus christianorum continuatio medievalis</i> (Turnhout, 1966)

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CCSL	<i>Corpus christianorum series latina</i> (Turnhout, 1952)
CLA	Lowe, Elias A., <i>Codices latini antiquiores: A Palaeographical Guide to Latin Manuscripts prior to the Ninth Century</i> , 11 vols. plus supplement (Oxford, 1935–71)
<i>Continuations</i>	Fredegar, <i>Chronicarum quae dicuntur Fredegarii Scholastici libri IV cum Continuationibus</i> , ed. B. Krusch, <i>MGH SRM 2</i> (Hanover, 1888)
CSEL	<i>Corpus scriptorum ecclesiasticorum latinorum</i>
DA	<i>Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters</i>
EA	<i>Epitaphium Arsenii</i> , ed. E. Dümmler, 1900
EME	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>
FrSt	<i>Frühmittelalterliche Studien</i>
Hjb	<i>Historisches Jahrbuch</i>
HT	Cassiodorus, <i>Historia ecclesiastica tripartita</i> , ed. W. Jacob and H. Hanslik, CSEL 71 (Vienna, 1972)
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
LHF	<i>Liber historiae Francorum</i> , ed. B. Krusch, <i>MGH SRM 2</i> (Hanover, 1888)
LM	Dhuoda, <i>Liber manualis</i> , ed. P. Riché (Paris, 1975)
LP	<i>Liber pontificalis</i> , ed. L. Duchesne, <i>Le 'Liber pontificalis': texte, introduction et commentaire</i> , 2 vols. (Paris, 1886–92; 2nd edn. with vol. III ed. C. Vogel, Paris 1955–7)
MBK	<i>Mittelalterliche Bibliothekskataloge Deutschlands und der Schweiz</i> (Munich, 1918–2009)
MGH	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
AA	<i>Auctores antiquissimi</i>
Capit.	<i>Leges: Capitularia regum Francorum</i>
Conc.	<i>Concilia. Legum Sectio III, Concilia II</i> , ed. A. Werminghoff, Hanover (1906–8); III, ed. W. Hartmann (Hanover, 1984).
DD Kar.	<i>Diplomatum Karolinorum</i>
Epp.	<i>Epistolae III–VIII (= Epistolae Merovingici et Karolini aevi</i> , Hanover, 1892–1939).
Epp. Sel.	<i>Epistolae selectae in usum scholarum</i>
Fontes iuris	<i>Fontes iuris Germanici Antiqui in usum scholarum separatim editi</i>
Poet.	<i>Poetae latini aevi carolini</i>

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<i>SRG</i>	<i>Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi</i>
<i>SRL</i>	<i>Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum, saec. VI–IX</i> , ed. G. Waitz (Hanover, 1885–1920)
<i>SRM</i>	<i>Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum</i>
<i>SS</i>	<i>Scriptores in Folio</i>
<i>MIÖG</i>	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung</i>
<i>NA</i>	<i>Neues Archiv der Gesellschaft für ältere deutsche Geschichtskunde</i>
<i>OLD</i>	<i>Oxford Latin Dictionary</i>
<i>PL</i>	J.-P. Migne (pr.), <i>Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina</i> , 221 vols. (Paris 1841–64)
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue Bénédictine</i>
<i>Reviser</i>	<i>Annales qui dicuntur Einhardi</i> ('Revised' version of the <i>Annales regni Francorum</i>)
<i>RHEF</i>	<i>Revue d'Histoire de l'Église de France</i>
<i>Settimane</i>	<i>Settimane di Studio del Centro italiano di studi sull'alto medioevo</i> , Spoleto (1954–)
<i>SM</i>	<i>Studi Medievali</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>VB</i>	Willibald, <i>Vita Bonifatii</i> , ed. W. Levison, <i>MGH SRG</i> 57 (Hanover, 1905)
<i>VK</i>	Einhard, <i>Vita Karoli Magni</i> , ed. O. Holder-Egger, <i>MGH SRG</i> 25 (Hanover, 1911)
<i>VL</i>	Altfrid, <i>Vita Liudgeri</i> , ed. W. Diekamp, <i>Die Vitae Sancti Liudgeri</i> (Munster, 1881)
<i>VV</i>	<i>Vita Vulframni</i> , ed. W. Levison, <i>MGH SRG</i> 57 (Hanover, 1905)
<i>VW</i>	Alcuin, <i>Vita Willibrordi</i> , ed. W. Levison, <i>MGH SRM</i> 7 (Hanover, 1920)
<i>ZRG Kan. Abt.</i>	<i>Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte: Kanonistische Abteilung</i>

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Preface

This volume is the distillation of the collaborative work of all those involved in a three-year HERA JRP (Humanities in the European Research Area, part of the European Science Foundation's Joint Research Projects scheme) project on 'Cultural memory and the resources of the past, 400–1000 AD' in the Universities of Cambridge, Leeds, Utrecht and the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna between 2010 and 2013. The project as a whole explored the eclectic uses of the resources of the past in the post-Roman successor states of western Europe in the early Middle Ages. It had two principal aims. Firstly we set out to determine the role played by the resources of the past in forming the identities of the communities of early medieval western Europe. Secondly we hoped to identify elements of the complex process by which the new discourses, ethnic identities and social models of early medieval Europe have come to form an essential part of modern European national and transnational identities.

In this volume we take up common themes that emerged in our work, namely, the importance of Rome, Roman history, the biblical past, and the integration of Christian and imperial Rome into the cultural memory of early medieval Europe within the wider concern of the problem of identity formation. This has included perceptions of difference on the part of specific social, political and religious communities. The case studies in this book combine two elements: firstly, there is the analysis of the transmission of texts and of the manuscript evidence. The extant manuscript material from the early middle ages has constituted a major resource to shed new light on the process of codification and modification of the cultural heritage, and for the study of cultural dynamics in general. Consequently we present a substantial amount of new and original manuscript material in this volume. Secondly, the papers consider how particular texts and their early medieval manuscript representatives in Italy, Francia, Saxony, and Bavaria do more than reflect ethnic, social and cultural identities. Each author suggests how the texts themselves contributed to the creation of identities, gave meaning to social practice, and were often intended, directly or indirectly, to inspire, guide, change,

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or prevent action. The chapters in this book demonstrate that the written texts that have been transmitted to us are therefore traces of social practice and of its changes, not only in a merely descriptive way, but also as part of a cultural effort to shape the present by means of restructuring the past.

It is a pleasure here to record our thanks to the European Science Foundation for coordinating the HERA Joint Research Projects, and the national research councils of Europe involved for their essential financial support to fund our 'HERA project' on 'Cultural memory and the resources of the past, 400-1000 AD'. We should also like to thank our individual institutions (the Universities of Cambridge, Leeds, and Utrecht and the Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften) for their support. In particular we are grateful to Brigitte Burger in Utrecht, Laura Cousens in Cambridge, and Dagmar Giesriegl, Maximilian Diesemberger and Gerda Heydemann in Vienna, who all in their various ways assisted with many of the technical and administrative aspects of the HERA project. We wish too to acknowledge with gratitude the staff of the archives and libraries in Lucca, Milan, Monte Cassino, Munich, Oxford, Paris, St Gallen, Valenciennes, the Vatican, Venice, Vienna and Wolfenbüttel, as well as of the Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes in Paris, who made it possible for the contributors to study the manuscripts relevant to our work. We benefited greatly from the reactions of our audiences at workshops and conferences in Wassenaar, Cambridge, Vienna, and Leeds throughout the duration of the project, and particularly from the scholars of the various foreign academies and research institutes in Rome assembled at the British School at Rome in February 2013 for our final conference. Our particular thanks are due to Christopher Smith, the Director of the British School at Rome, for so kindly hosting this conference. In the preparation of the volume the editors are indebted to Susan Kelly for her invaluable and meticulous assistance at the preliminary stage of preparation of the text, to our anonymous reviewers for their candid observations and constructive suggestions, to the editorial and production staff at Cambridge University Press for their support and assistance, especially Liz Friend-Smith, Rosalyn Scott, Joanna Breeze and Anna Oxbury, and to André Bouwman, Chief Curator and Curator of Western Manuscripts, Leiden University Libraries, for kindly permitting us to reproduce fol. 9r from the ninth-century copy of the *Liber pontificalis*, now Leiden Universiteitsbibliotheek, Voss. Lat. Q 60, for the cover picture of this book.

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