

THE GREAT WESTERN SCHISM, 1378–1417

The Great Schism divided Western Christianity between 1378 and 1417. Two popes and their courts occupied the see of St. Peter, one in Rome, the other in Avignon. Traditionally, this event has received attention from scholars of institutional history. In this book, by contrast, Joëlle Rollo-Koster investigates the event through the prism of social drama. Marshalling liturgical, cultural, artistic, literary, and archival evidence, she explores the four phases of the Schism: the breach after the 1378 election, the subsequent division of the Church, redressive actions, and reintegration of the papacy in a single pope. Investigating how popes legitimized their respective positions and the reception of these efforts, Rollo-Koster shows how the Schism influenced political thought, how unity was achieved, and how the two capitals, Rome and Avignon, responded to the events. Rollo-Koster's approach humanizes the Schism, enabling us to understand the event as it was experienced by contemporaries.

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Abbreviations

- AAV Archivio Apostolico Vaticano (formerly known as Archivio Segreto Vaticano, ASV)
- ADV Archive départementale de Vaucluse
- Baluze, *Vitae* Étienne Baluze and Guillaume Mollat, *Vitae paparum avenionensium: Nouvelle édition et étude critique*, 4 vols. (Paris: Letouzey et Ané, 1914–22)
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