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What was an “advocate” (Latin: *advocatus*; German: *Vogt*) in the Middle Ages? What responsibilities came with the position and how did they change over time? With this groundbreaking study, Jonathan R. Lyon challenges the standard narrative of a “medieval” Europe of feudalism and lordship being replaced by a “modern” Europe of government, bureaucracy and the state. By focusing on the position of advocate, he argues for continuity in corrupt practices of justice and protection between 750 and 1800. This book traces the development of the role of church advocate from the Carolingian period onward and explains why this position became associated with the violent abuse of power on churches’ estates. When other types of advocates became common in and around Germany after 1250, including territorial and urban advocates, they were not officeholders in developing bureaucracies. Instead, they used similar practices to church advocates to profit illicitly from their positions, which calls into question scholarly arguments about the decline of violent lordship and the rise of governmental accountability in European history.

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Abbreviations

AHR	<i>The American Historical Review</i>
BUB	<i>Urkundenbuch zur Geschichte der Babenberger in Österreich</i>
CDS I A	<i>Codex Diplomaticus Saxoniae Regiae</i> , Part I, Section A
CDS I B	<i>Codex Diplomaticus Saxoniae Regiae</i> , Part I, Section B
CDS II	<i>Codex Diplomaticus Saxoniae Regiae</i> , Part II
DA	<i>Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters</i>
EHR	<i>The English Historical Review</i>
MGH	Monumenta Germaniae Historica
(MGH) Capit.	<i>Capitularia regum Francorum</i>
(MGH) Conc.	<i>Concilia Aevi Karolini</i>
(MGH) Const.	<i>Constitutiones et acta publica imperatorum et regum</i>
(MGH) DD	Diplomata
(MGH) DD Arn	<i>Die Urkunden Arnolfs</i>
(MGH) DD Arnulf.	<i>Die Urkunden der Arnulfinger</i>
(MGH) DD F I	<i>Die Urkunden Friedrichs I.</i>
(MGH) DD F II	<i>Die Urkunden Friedrichs II.</i>
(MGH) DD H I	<i>Die Urkunden Konrad I., Heinrich I. und Otto I. [Charters of Henry I]</i>
(MGH) DD H II	<i>Die Urkunden Heinrichs II.</i>
(MGH) DD H III	<i>Die Urkunden Heinrichs III.</i>
(MGH) DD H IV	<i>Die Urkunden Heinrichs IV.</i>
(MGH) DD H V	<i>Die Urkunden Heinrichs V.</i> (online)
(MGH) DD H VI	<i>Die Urkunden Heinrichs VI.</i> (online)
(MGH) DD Ka III	<i>Die Urkunden Karls III.</i>
(MGH) DD Karol. I	<i>Die Urkunden Pippins, Karlmanns und Karls des Grossen</i>

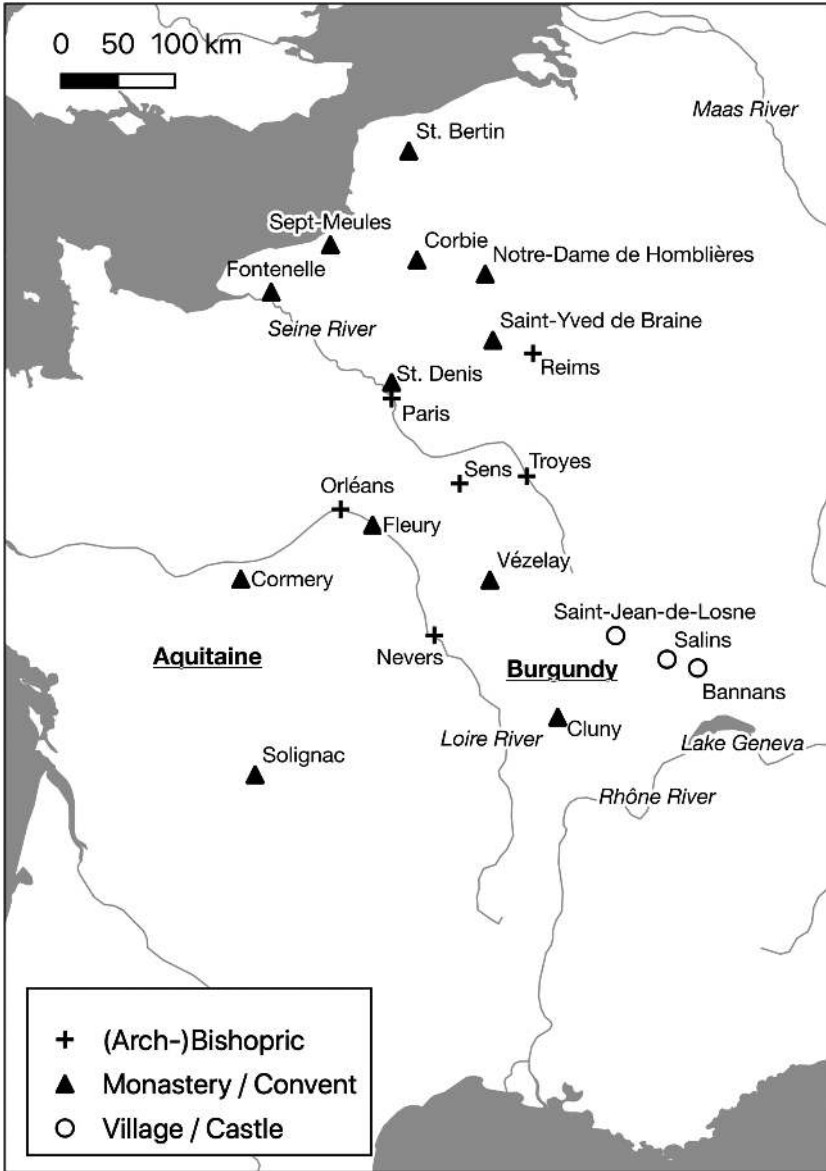
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(MGH) DD Km	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs des Deutschen, Karlmanns und Ludwigs des Jüngeren</i> [Charters of Karlmann]
(MGH) DD Ko I	<i>Die Urkunden Konrad I., Heinrich I. und Otto I.</i> [Charters of Conrad I]
(MGH) DD Ko II	<i>Die Urkunden Konrads II.</i>
(MGH) DD Ko III	<i>Die Urkunden Konrads III.</i>
(MGH) DD LdD	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs des Deutschen, Karlmanns und Ludwigs des Jüngeren</i> [Charters of Louis the German]
(MGH) DD LdF	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs des Frommen</i>
(MGH) DD LdJ	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs des Deutschen, Karlmanns und Ludwigs des Jüngeren</i> [Charters of Louis the Younger]
(MGH) DD LdK	<i>Die Urkunden Zwentibolds und Ludwigs des Kindes</i> [Charters of Louis the Child]
(MGH) DD Lo I	<i>Die Urkunden Lothars I. und Lothars II.</i> [Charters of Lothar I]
(MGH) DD Lo III	<i>Die Urkunden Lothars III.</i>
(MGH) DD Lu II	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs II.</i>
(MGH) DD Merov.	<i>Die Urkunden der Merowinger</i>
(MGH) DD O I	<i>Die Urkunden Konrad I., Heinrich I. und Otto I</i> [Charters of Otto I]
(MGH) DD O II	<i>Die Urkunden Otto des II.</i>
(MGH) DD O III	<i>Die Urkunden Otto des III.</i>
(MGH) DD Phil	<i>Die Urkunden Philipps von Schwaben</i>
(MGH) DD Rudolf.	<i>Die Urkunden der burgundischen Rudolfinger</i>
(MGH) DD Wilh	<i>Die Urkunden Heinrich Raspes und Wilhelms von Holland</i> [Charters of William of Holland]
(MGH) DD Zwent	<i>Die Urkunden Zwentibolds und Ludwigs des Kindes</i> [Charters of Zwentibold]
(MGH) Epp.	Epistolae
(MGH) Epp. saec. XIII	Epistolae Saeculi XIII e Regestis Pontificum Romanorum
(MGH) Epp. sel.	Epistolae selectae
(MGH) SS	Scriptores
(MGH) SSrG	Scriptores rerum Germanicarum
(MGH) SSrG NS	Scriptores rerum Germanicarum, Nova series
MIÖG	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für österreichische Geschichtsforschung</i>

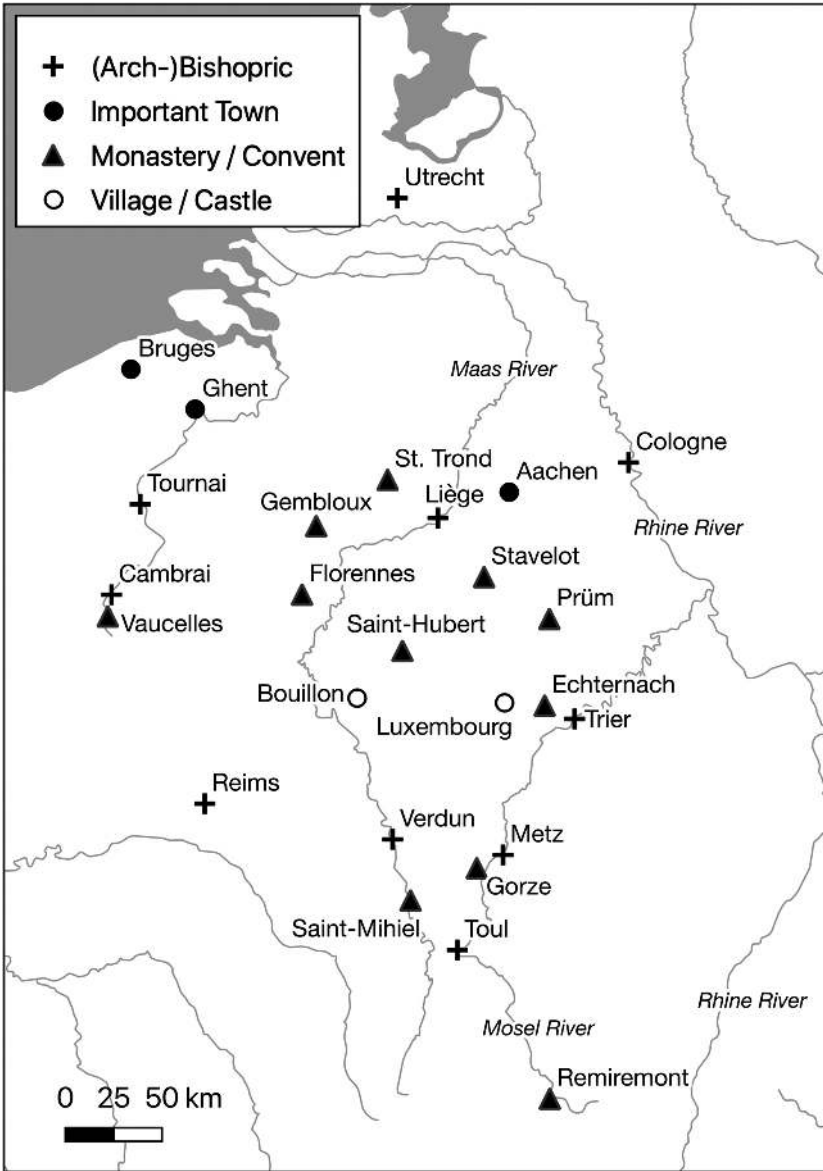
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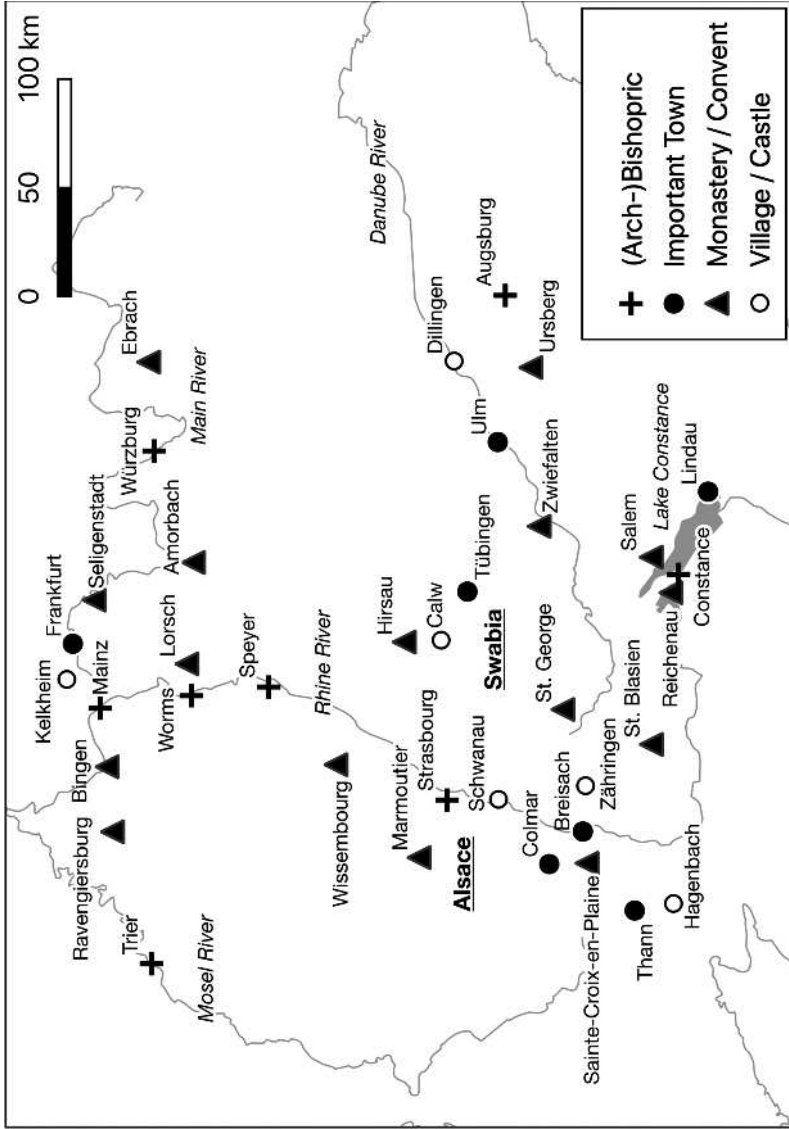
NCMH	<i>The New Cambridge Medieval History</i>
Tr. Freising	<i>Die Traditionen des Hochstifts Freising</i>
UB St. Gall	<i>Urkundenbuch der Abtei Sanct Gallen</i>
UB Strassburg	<i>Urkundenbuch der Stadt Strassburg</i>
ZRG GA	<i>Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechts- geschichte, Germanistische Abteilung</i>
ZRG KA	<i>Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechts- geschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung</i>
ZWLG	<i>Zeitschrift für Württembergische Landesges- chichte</i>



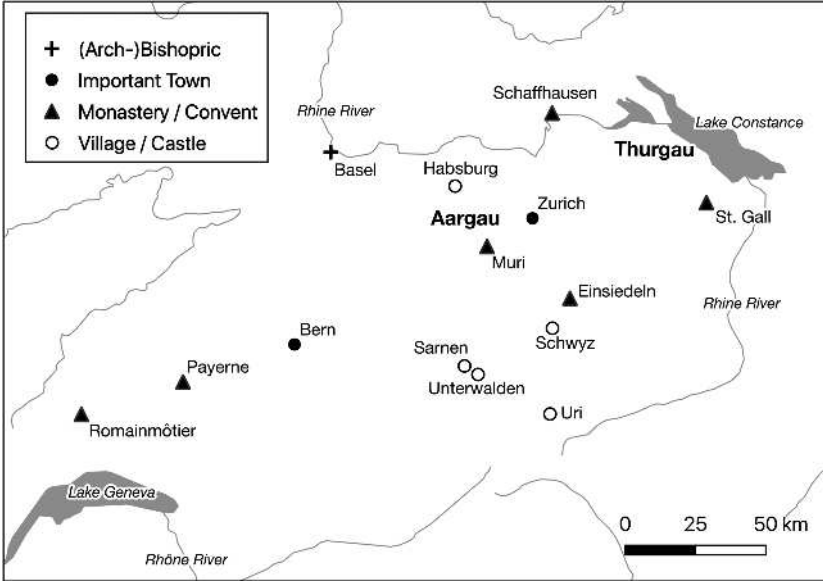
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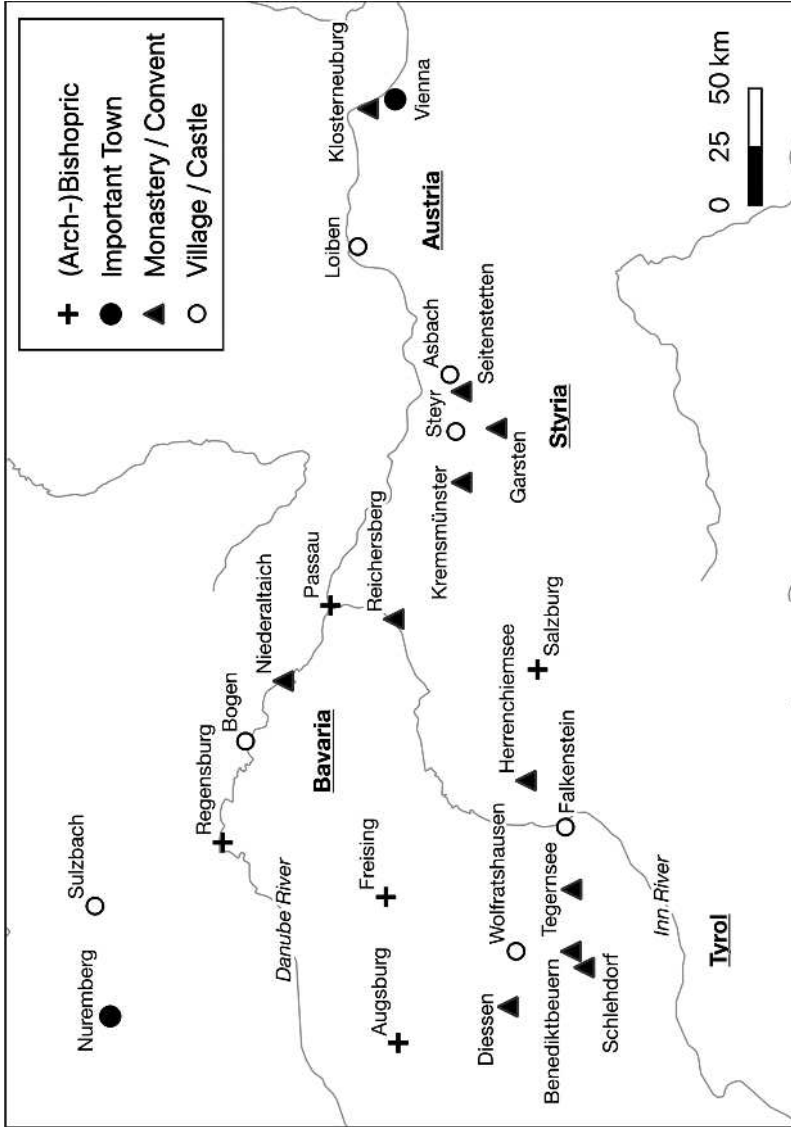
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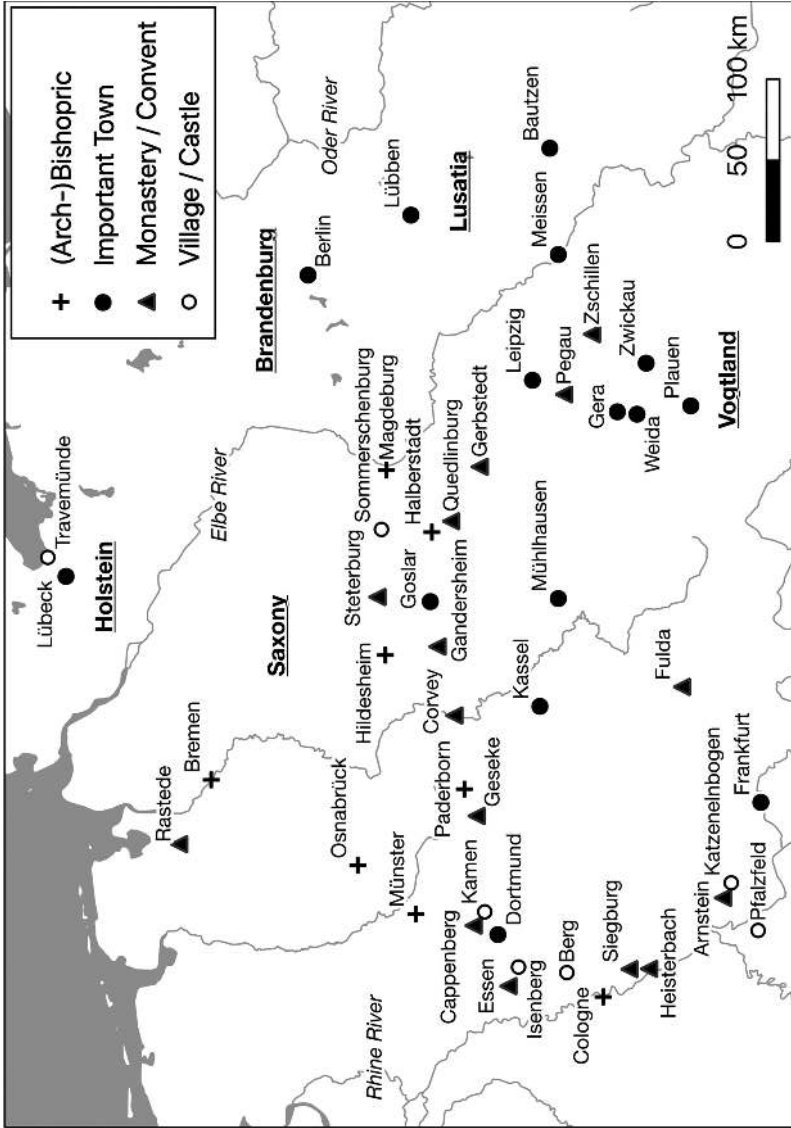
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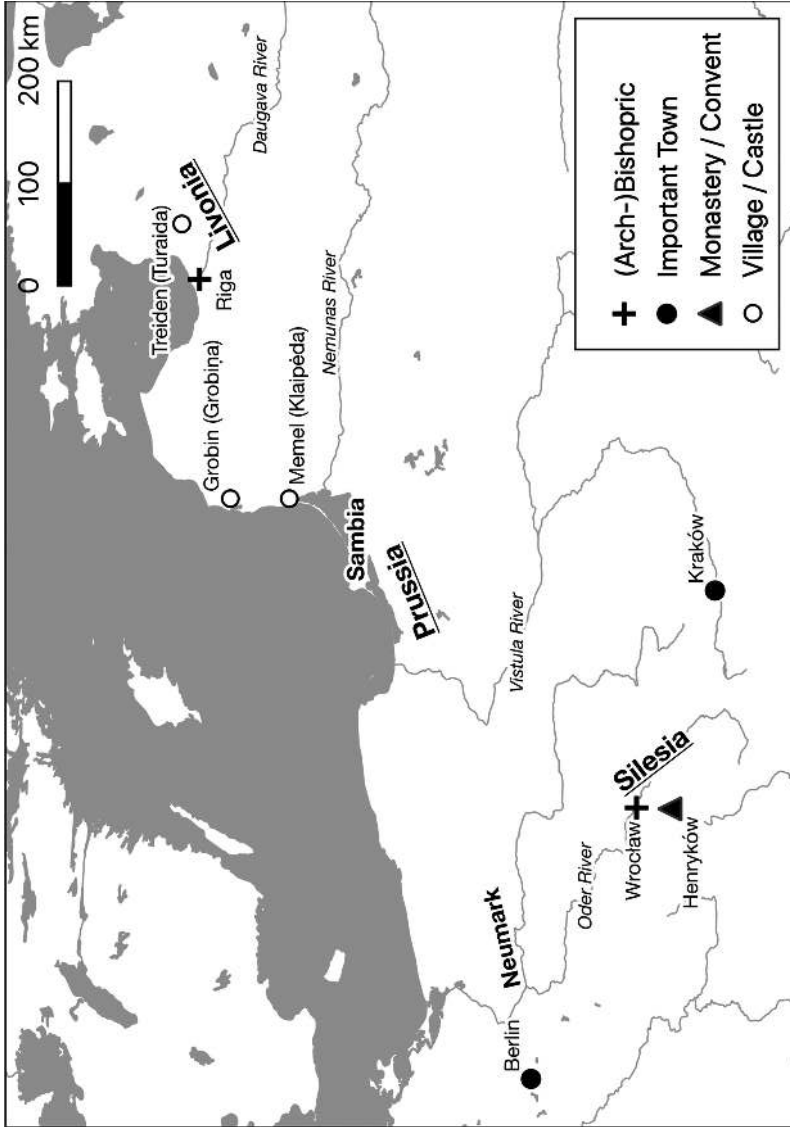
4 Switzerland



5 Southeastern Germany and Austria



6 Northern Germany



7 The southern Baltic region