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NECROLOGY

Domenico Maffei passed away on 4 July 2009. He was born in Altamura (Bari) in 1925 and was a professor of the history of Italian law at universities in Macerata, Sienna, and Rome (La Sapienza). Maffei is well known for his many publications.

H. E. John Cowdrey passed away on 4 December 2009. He was a well known historian of the papal reform movement who edited Gregory VII's extravagantes and translated all of the same pope's register into English. He was a fellow and chaplain of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford. He was born in 1926

André Gouron passed away on 22 December 2009 in Montpellier, where he had been dean and professor of law. He was also Membre de l'Institut. His scholarship focused on legal institutions and education in Southern France.

Klaus Zechiel-Eckes passed away on 23 February 2010 at 50 years of age. He was a professor of history at the University of Cologne and an expert on early medieval canon law. He revolutionized the study of Pseudo-Isidore when he discovered notes obviously made by the forger in the margins of some manuscripts from the Corbie library and he had begun a project to re-edit Pseudo-Isidore's texts together with Karl-Georg Schon. The Historisches Seminar announced his passing on its [website](#).

The editor welcomes longer obituaries for these and other colleagues who have passed away.

ICMAC WEBSITE LAUNCHED

From the President of ICMAC:

I am delighted to announce the launch of the *Iuris canonici medii aevi consociatio* (ICMAC) website, which can be found at <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/medieval/icmac/index.html>

I should like to thank, first of all, our web designer, Michael Elliot, a PhD student at the University of Toronto working on Anglo-Saxon canon law, for his exquisite design of the website and especially his patience with my many questions and what I know seemed like endless emails.

I would also like to thank Professor John Magee and the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto for agreeing to host the ICMAC website *pro tem*.

I should also like to thank Dr Bart Jaski, Keeper of the Manuscripts at the Bibliotheek der Rijksuniversiteit in Utrecht for permission to reproduce the image of the Church council from the Utrecht Psalter. Last, but by no means least, I must thank Abigail Firey who guided my faltering footsteps throughout the entire process of designing both the form and the content of the website.

As you will see, we begin 'modestly' in terms of content and it is our intention to develop the site further in the coming weeks and months to include a notice board, a online facility for joining the society

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as well as a members' forum. In the meanwhile, please visit our site, bookmark it, spread the word and please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions for the website.

Kathleen G. Cushing

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Anne Lefebvre-Teillard, *Autour de l'enfant. Du droit canonique et romain médiévale au Code Civil de 1804*, Medieval Law and Its Practice (Leiden: Brill, 2008). xiv, 386 pp. € 129, \$ 206. ISBN 978900416937 1.

Covering themes from Canon and medieval Roman Law to the 1804 'Code civil', the work includes twenty-three articles on the history of law about a number of modern-day questions. They deal with the close connections long maintained between marriage and procreation; with natural and legal 'filiation' especially regarding the very delicate problems of evidence; with the institution of legitimation but also of the child as a person. There is also an article on the important matter of the 'conceived child'.

Christof Rolker, *Canon Law and the Letters of Ivo of Chartres*. Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought, Fourth Series 76. Cambridge, 2010. 400 pp. £ 65.

*Rolker here offers a major new study of Ivo, his works and the role he played in the intellectual, religious and political culture of medieval Europe around 1100 AD. Comparing Ivo's extensive correspondence to the contemporary canon law collections attributed to him, Dr Rolker provides a new interpretation of their authorship. Contrary to current assumptions, he reveals that Ivo did not compile the *Panormia*, showing that its compiler worked in a distinctly different mental framework from Ivo. These findings call for a reassessment of the relationship between Church reform and scholasticism and shed new light on Ivo as both a scholar and bishop.*

Robert W. Shaffern, *Law and Justice from Antiquity to Enlightenment*. Plymouth, U.K., 2009. x, 233 pp. \$ 29.95 (paper); \$ 80 (cloth).

Von der ordnung zur Norm: Statuten in Mittelalter und Früher Neuzeit, hrsg. Von Gisela Drossbach. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2010.

Statuten erfahren als Phänomen von europäischer Bedeutung eine eingehende Analyse ihrer Genese. Ein weiterer großer Themenkreis ist die formal-literarische Bestimmung dieser Texte und ihre Zuordnung zur Kultur gelehrter Rechtswissenschaft. Dabei wird auch die normative Qualität von Statuten im Verhältnis zu anderen normierenden Texten geprüft. Damit verknüpft sich die Untersuchung der Rezeption und Verbreitung von Statutentexten: Die Fülle bezeugter Verwendungen zeigt ein Spannungsfeld, das von einer rein repräsentativen oder legitimatorischen Funktion bis hin zur unentbehrlichen Normgrundlage komplexer Institutionen reicht. Verblüffend ist hierbei ihre Funktionalität und die statuarische Modernität.

RELMIN: POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Le Conseil européen de la recherche finance un nouveau projet «RELMIN» sur la place des minorités religieuses dans le droit médiéval, pour 5 ans, à partir de mars 2010. Nous recrutons des doctorants et post-doctorants.

La diversité religieuse en Europe s'enracine dans les pratiques des sociétés médiévales. Les dirigeants du moyen âge, chrétiens et musulmans, accordèrent un statut protégé et inférieur à certaines minorités religieuses. Le projet RELMIN tâchera de rassembler, publier et étudier des textes légaux qui définissent le statut de minorités religieuses dans l'Europe pré-moderne. Le corpus de textes regroupe droit romain (en particulier les codes de Théodose et de Justinien), droit canon (*acta* de conseils ecclésiastiques, le *Décret* attribué à Gratien, les *Décrétales*), droit national ou royal (des codes "barbares" aux grandes compilations telles que les *Siete Partidas* d'Alphonse X), droit urbain (*fueros* en Espagne chrétienne et manuels de *hisba* en Andalus), *responsa* des rabbins, collections de *fatwas*. La base de données contiendra des textes en langues originelles avec leur traduction en Français et en Anglais, ainsi

qu'une bibliographie annotée. Notre ambition est de créer un outil de recherche essentiel pour tout historien du droit des minorités et des relations interconfessionnelles.

Nous organiserons des journées d'études et un colloque international sur la diversité religieuse en Europe pré-moderne. Une série d'études comparées sur des aspects spécifiques des relations interconfessionnelles nous permettra de comparer des réponses à des situations similaires dans des sociétés diverses, de Cordoue au VII^e siècle à Cracovie au XV^e. Le but est d'encourager la collaboration interdisciplinaire entre spécialistes de différentes langues venants de divers pays, de susciter de nouvelles recherches qui traversent les clivages disciplinaires traditionnels. Nous publierons trois ouvrages: les actes du colloque, une anthologie de sources de la base de données, et une monographie inédite sur le statut légal des minorités religieuses en Europe médiévale.

D'avance merci.

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FROM THE EDITOR

I am delighted to be able to announce that back issues of *Novellae* now are available via the [ICMAC website](#). The website is gorgeous and I want to congratulate the leadership of ICMAC of their good fortune in recruiting such a talented webdesigner as Michael Elliot.

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Iuris Canonici Medii Aevi Consociatio | International Society of Medieval Canon Law

Iuris Canonici Medii Aevi Consociatio (ICMAC), or the International Society of Medieval Canon Law, was founded in 1990 in order to foster and support the study of medieval canon law from the time of the early Church to the later middle ages. ICMAC is a truly international community with members in the United States, Canada, Europe, Russia, Argentina and Japan.

ICMAC's members are committed to the notion that the study of medieval canon law illuminates many important areas of church history, legal history, social and cultural history, and intellectual history. Because of the special challenges scholars face in working with materials that are usually untranslated, that require expertise in technicalities of law, and that are often available only in medieval manuscripts, this society exists to bring scholars and students of medieval canon law together, in order to share their knowledge, to keep them apprised of important information and events, and to encourage them in their research

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