

Retrospective

**Conscripts of “Transformation”:
Europe in the High Middle Ages**

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Editors' Note

Alessio Fiore's *The Seigneurial Transformation* was published by Oxford University Press in the middle of the 2020 pandemic, which precluded book presentations and discussions in traditional seminars like those held under normal conditions. As medievalists, it was our conviction that intellectual life had to continue and that Fiore's book deserved some reflection, no matter the form this might take.

The essays collected here are the fruit of a lively exchange between us and the author and between the latter and Seminar participants. We wish to thank the author and the contributors for responding with alacrity to our invitation and for engaging in a stimulating discussion on the topic of "transformation" in society.

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