

Editors' Preface

This volume was inspired by the conference that was held on 21–22 June 2019 at Canterbury Christ Church University on the theme of 'Rebellion in Medieval Europe'. Eight papers from the two-day event constitute the central core of this essay collection, supplemented by a further seven contributions that were subsequently commissioned to broaden the volume both chronologically and geographically. Several debts of gratitude have been incurred both in the hosting of the original conference and the preparation of this volume. Many thanks are due to Canterbury Christ Church University and its staff for hosting the event and their generous hospitality. A special debt of gratitude is owed to Professor Louise Wilkinson, Dr Paul Dalton and Dr David Grummitt for their support and encouragement in the organisation and hosting of the conference. Thanks too are owed to all the delegates for making the event both a lively and entertaining experience. We would like to thank the Staatsarchiv in Nuremberg for their generous permission to reproduce the image of the *Landfrieden* of Eger. Special thanks are due to Dr Bernhard Kreutz for permission to reproduce his map of the Rhenish and Swabian Leagues of Cities. Generous feedback from the anonymous readers for the press has made this a better and more focused volume. Thanks are also due to Professor Levi Roach for graciously agreeing to revise one of the chapters at short notice. We would also like to record our gratitude to the staff of Boydell & Brewer, especially Caroline Palmer, whose advice and encouragement has made the long journey from initial proposal through to publication far less difficult and stressful than it would otherwise have been.

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