

# Contents

## Preface — V

Hilmar Klinkott and Sabine Kubisch

## Introduction — 1

## Shaping Policy: Case Study from Ancient Egypt

Efstathia Dionysopoulou

### **The Political Role of an Egyptian Priest under the Early Ptolemies: The Case of Manetho — 9**

Sabine Kubisch

### **Oracles as an Instrument for Political Decisions and Royal Legitimation: A Case Study of Ancient Egypt — 35**

## Experts for Teaching and Consulting

Maurits de Leeuw

### **Politics in the *Life of Daniel the Stylite*: The Holy Man as a Political Player in Late Antique Constantinople — 55**

Harald Wiese

### **Did Brahmins have Power in Premodern India? — 73**

## Instrumentalizing the ‘Priests’

Veit Groß

### **Ideologists, Instigators or ‘Stage Props’? Priests and Popular Protest in the English Rising of 1381 — 97**

Etka Liebowitz

### **Gender, Politics and Religion in Antiquity: The Challenge of the Reign of Queen Alexandra — 127**

Michel Summer

### **‘Vassal’ or ‘political player’? Towards a re-assessment of Willibrord’s political activity in Merovingian Francia (AD 690–739) — 141**

## **Control of Knowledge: Documenting Priestly Power**

Reuven Kiperwasser

**The Power of the Rabbis: Reading Urban Stories of Late Antiquity — 161**

Katharina Knäpper

**“Domination through Knowledge”: The Sacred Dimension of Bureaucracy in the Oracular Sanctuary of Dodona — 173**

Ahmed Mansour

**Behind the Scene: Religion at the Service of Politics in Ancient Egypt: Views from Philae Island — 199**

## **In the Field of Power: Priests and Legitimization**

Mariano Barbatto

**Power through Pilgrimage: The Making of the Papacy — 215**

Eleni Krikona

**A New Political Order in the Late Sixth Century BC Athens Powered by the Delphic Oracle — 231**

Nenad Marković

**Keepers of the Secrets of the Sky, the Earth, and the Underworld: The High Priests of Ptah at Memphis During the Kushite and the Saite-Persian Periods (c. 728–332 BC) — 253**

Sabine Kubisch and Hilmar Klinkott

**Conclusion — 307**

**Index of Names — 313**