Abstract: Royal charters in conflict. Arbitral decisions under Rudolph I as multiform diplomatic sources between issuer, recipients, and third parties (1273–1280)
The participation of Rudolph I, the first Habsburg ruler of the Holy Roman Empire, in arbitration is a well documented phenomenon. However, diplomatic aspects of his charters issued in the context of this form of extrajudicial dispute resolution have not attracted substantial scholarly attention so far. The present article therefore focuses on this research gap, covering the first seven years of Rudolph’s reign (1273–1280). It examines how the issuer, the recipients and third parties were involved in arbitral proceedings as well as in the subsequent production process of royal charters. It reveals characteristics of their formal composition and examines influences from related documents on their diplomatic, exemplified by three case studies.

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