

Matthias M. Tischler, Wie erforscht man die sogenannte „Karolingische Reform“ im 21. Jahrhundert? Beobachtungen zu Tendenzen in der gegenwärtigen Frühmittelalterforschung und Vorschläge zu ihrer Neuausrichtung anlässlich einer Neuerscheinung

Abstract: How should research on the so-called „Carolingian Reform“ be conducted in the 21st century? Observations on trends in current early medieval research, and proposals for its reorientation

The following short article grew out of a review of a new publication about the so-called „Carolingian Reform“. The article discusses the state of research, current trends, and methodological problems in early medieval research, taking into account the new book and some further recent publications on this historical topic. From the point of view of advanced manuscript research, the article then makes suggestions as to how the whole research landscape can be reorganised. It is emphasised that research on the „Carolingian Reform“ should abandon the conventional intracultural perspective on the ninth century alone in favour of a transcultural, comparative perspective that extends at least into the eleventh century, in order to better grasp the characteristics of the Carolingian endeavour.

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