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This book aims to provide a comprehensive answer to the most important question in pre-modern German political history: why did a multiplicity of states and territories emerge by the end of the Middle Ages instead of an incipient 'nation state' under the crown? The book shows clearly why responsibility for this cannot be laid upon the supposed failures of German kingship, which actually encouraged through its own legislation the expansion and reform of princely jurisdiction and governing authority in the crucial twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

The story is instead one of creative aristocratic successes amongst the secular dynasties and princes of the Church, in terms of their careers, their titles and offices, their jurisdictions, and above all as politicians interested in preserving and extending their inherited regional authority. We see how their collective efforts in the centuries after 1050 added up to a more markedly territorial structure of regional power, already emerging by the thirteenth century as a result of their endeavours in the economy, internal and external colonization, the establishment of new castles, towns, monasteries and communications, and the development of forests, wastes and mountainous provinces; in local, ecclesiastical and imperial law, and the jurisdictional reform which they imposed in their regions; and in the uses of dynastic politics, including feuds as well as alliances, inheritance and partition.

This is a powerful analysis, argued consistently and convincingly, of the emergence of the aristocratic titles and powers that appeared to intrude on the power of the monarchy. It fills a major gap in English-language writing on medieval Germany, and constitutes a magisterial overview of its ruling authority.

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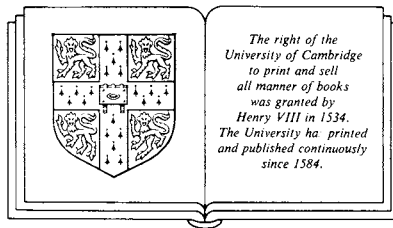
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## ABBREVIATIONS



<i>AD</i>	<i>Archiv für Diplomatiek</i>
Adam of Bremen, <i>Kirchengeschichte</i>	B. Schmeidler, <i>Adam von Bremen. Hamburgische Kirchengeschichte</i> , MGH Script. schol., vol. 2, 3rd edn, Hanover and Leipzig, 1917
<i>Anonyme</i> <i>Kaiserchronik</i>	F.-J. Schmale and I. Schmale-Ott, <i>Frutolfs und Ekkehards Chroniken und die Anonyme Kaiserchronik</i> , AQ, vol. 15, Darmstadt, 1972, pp. 212–64
AQ	Ausgewählte Quellen zur deutschen Geschichte des Mittelalters. Freiherr vom Stein-Gedächtnisausgabe
<i>AU</i>	<i>Archiv für Urkundenforschung</i>
<i>BDLG</i>	<i>Blätter für deutsche Landesgeschichte</i>
Burchard of Ursberg, <i>Chronik</i>	O. Holder-Egger and B. von Simson, <i>Die Chronik des Propstes Burchard von Ursberg</i> , MGH Script. schol., vol. 16, 2nd edn, Hanover and Leipzig, 1916
<i>DA</i>	<i>Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters</i>
Ekkehard, <i>Chronica</i>	F.-J. Schmale and I. Schmale-Ott, <i>Frutolfs und Ekkehards Chroniken und die Anonyme Kaiserchronik</i> , AQ, vol. 15, Darmstadt, 1972, pp. 124–208, 268–376
Gislebert of Mons, <i>Chronique</i>	L. Vanderkindere, <i>La Chronique de Gislebert de Mons</i> , Commission royale d'histoire. Recueil de textes, Brussels, 1904.
HBG, i–iii	M. Spindler (ed.), <i>Handbuch der bayerischen Geschichte</i> , vols. 1–3, Munich, 1967–77
Helmold, <i>Slawenchronik</i>	H. Stoob, <i>Helmold von Bosau. Slawenchronik</i> , AQ, vol. 19, Darmstadt, 1973

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Henry Taube, <i>Chronik</i>	H. Bresslau, <i>Die Chronik Heinrichs Taube von Selbach</i> , MGH Script., new series, vol. 1, 2nd edn, Berlin, 1964
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historisches Jahrbuch</i>
HRG, i–iv	A. Erler and E. Kaufmann, <i>Handwörterbuch zur deutschen Rechtsgeschichte</i> , vols. 1–4, Berlin, 1971f.
<i>HZ</i>	<i>Historische Zeitschrift</i>
Lampert, <i>Annales</i>	O. Holder-Egger, <i>Lamperti monachi Hersfeldensis opera</i> , MGH Script. schol., vol. 38, Hanover and Leipzig, 1894
Mathias, <i>Chronik</i>	A. Hofmeister, <i>Die Chronik des Mathias von Neuenburg</i> , MGH Script., new series, vol. 4, 2nd edn, Berlin, 1955
MdF	Mitteldeutsche Forschungen
MGH	Monumenta Germaniae Historica
MGH Const., i–vi	MGH Constitutiones et acta publica, vols. 1–6
MGH Dipl.	MGH Diplomata regum et imperatorum Germaniae
MGH Script.	MGH Scriptores
MGH Script. schol.	MGH Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum
<i>MIöG</i>	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für österreichische Geschichtsforschung</i>
<i>Ostsiedlung</i> , i–ii	H. Helbig and L. Weinrich, <i>Urkunden und erzählende Quellen zur deutschen Ostsiedlung im Mittelalter</i> , AQ, vol. 36, parts i and ii, Darmstadt, 1968 and 1970
Otto, <i>Historia</i>	A. Hofmeister, <i>Otonis episcopi Frisingensis chronica sive Historia de duabus civitatibus</i> , MGH Script. schol., vol. 45, 2nd edn, Hanover and Leipzig, 1912
Otto and Rahewin, <i>Gesta</i>	G. Waitz and B. von Simson, <i>Otonis et Rahewini gesta Friderici I. Imperatoris seu rectius cronica</i> , MGH Script. schol., vol. 46, 3rd edn, Hanover and Leipzig, 1912
<i>RhV</i>	<i>Rheinische Vierteljahrsblätter</i>
Thietmar, <i>Chronik</i>	W. Trillmich, <i>Thietmar von Merseburg. Chronik</i> , AQ, vol. 9, Darmstadt, 1974
VF	Vorträge und Forschungen
<i>VSWG</i>	<i>Vierteljahrsschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte</i>

Widukind,  
*Sachsengeschichte*

P. Hirsch and H.-E. Lohmann, *Die Sachsen-  
geschichte des Widukind von Korvei*, MGH Script.  
schol., vol. 60, 5th edn, Hanover, 1935

WQ, i–ii

L. Weinrich, *Quellen zur deutschen Verfassungs-,  
Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte bis 1250* (i) and  
*Quellen zur Verfassungsgeschichte des römisch-  
deutschen Reiches im Spätmittelalter* (ii), AQ, vols.  
32–3, Darmstadt, 1977 and 1983

ZBLG

*Zeitschrift für bayerische Landesgeschichte*

ZGOR

*Zeitschrift für die Geschichte des Oberrheins*

ZRGGA

*Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsge-  
schichte. Germanistische Abteilung*

ZRGKA

*Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsge-  
schichte. Kanonistische Abteilung*