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Towards globalism? Papal-Hungarian relations as reflected in the twelfth-century charters of Hungaria Pontificia

The paper attempts to contextualize the overall features of the pre-1198 papal-Hungarian relations on the basis of the Hungaria Pontificia. As the editor of the corpus (inherited from the late profs. L. Mezey and J.R. Sweeney), I provide a comparison of the manifestations of the contacts between Rome and Hungary compared with 1) the Western materials (utilizing the volumes of Italia, Germania, Anglia, and Iberia Pontificia) and 2) with Central European materials, primarily, on the basis of the recently published Bohemia Pontificia. The research question is twofold: the paper partly attempts to identify the major differences in the overall trends represented by the relations with the Curia (limited to the Pontificia volumes); it also focus on the disparity of the source materials. As for the latter, the approach is not limited to the Eastern-Western dissimilarities but the "center vs. peripheries" features are also to be considered. Accordingly, the recently published Anglia and Iberia Pontificia materials will provide comparative materials.