

Contents

Chris Jones, Conor Kostick, and Klaus Oschema

Why Should we Care about the Middle Ages? Putting the Case for the Relevance of Studying Medieval Europe — 1

Science

Tobias Kluge and Maximilian Schuh

Providing Reliable Data? Combining Scientific and Historical Perspectives on Flooding Events in Medieval and Early Modern Nuremberg (1400–1800) — 31

Conor Kostick and Francis Ludlow

Medieval History, Explosive Volcanism, and the Geoengineering Debate — 45

Jörg Feuchter

The Middle Ages in the Genetics Lab — 99

Freya Harrison and Erin Connelly

Could Medieval Medicine Help the Fight Against Antimicrobial Resistance? — 113

Education

Julien Demade

The Contemporary Delegitimization of (Medieval) History – and of the Traditional University Curriculum as a Whole — 135

Chris Jones and Madi Williams

Pacific Perspectives: Why study Europe’s Middle Ages in Aotearoa New Zealand? — 151

Laura Grazia Di Stefano

How to be a Time Traveller: Exploring Venice with a Fifteenth-Century Pilgrimage Guide — 171

Society

Klaus Oschema

Heaven Can Tell . . . Late Medieval Astrologers as Experts – and what they can Teach us about Contemporary Financial Expertise — 191

Elva Johnston

Eoin MacNeill’s Early Medieval Ireland: A Scholarship for Politics or a Politics of Scholarship? — 211

Hélène Sirantoine

What’s in a Word? Naming ‘Muslims’ in Medieval Christian Iberia — 225

Niamh Wycherley

The Enduring Power of the Cult of Relics – an Irish Perspective — 239

Ben Jervis

Resilience and Society in Medieval Southampton: An Archaeological Approach to Anticipatory Action, Politics, and Economy — 255

Reflections

Pierre Monnet

Studying the Middle Ages: Historical Food for Thought in the Present Day — 277

Notes on Contributors — 289

Index — 293