

Regionalisation and the Integration of the Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity

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Abstracts

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The paper presents a survey of late antique church organization under the aspect of centralization. The fundamental homology between church organization and secular government and its limits are explored. Metropolitan governance and primatial governance, it is argued, allowed for a limited form of centralization which, however, remained subject to the vicissitudes of lack of communication, political disruption and intra-ecclesiastical strife and rivalry.

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