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**Bernhart Jähnig, Verfassung und Verwaltung des Deutschen Ordens und seiner Herrschaft in Livland (Schriften der Baltischen Historischen Kommission, Bd. 16), Berlin 2011, 336 pp., ISBN 978-3-643-11005-3.**

This work concerns the Livonian branch of the Teutonic Order, focusing on the shaping of territorial authority by the Teutonic Knights in Livonia and on administrative aspects connected with the exercising of power at both a central and local levels. The book consists of nine chapters and two appendices. The first appendix comprises a list of officials of the Teutonic Order in Livonia, while the second contains maps and plans relating to the administration of the order and the church and the routes taken by inspectors of the Teutonic castles in 1442. The work also includes a list of sources and literature, as well as indexes of names, places and subjects.

In the first chapter, entitled “The Basis of Authority”, Bernhart Jähnig concentrates on the formation and organisation of Christian territorial authority in Livonia and on the year 1237, when the Livonian Brothers of the Sword were incorporated into the Teutonic Order.

The next chapter, “The Creation of Authority”, presents the organisation of the Teutonic Order’s rule in Livonia, considering various aspects of the formation of national law, regional administration, and policies with regard to the towns and the archbishop of Riga. The author concentrates mainly on the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

The subsequent chapter is devoted to castles, which constituted an important element of Teutonic rule. The author shows the stages behind the creation of a network of castles, from those built by the Livonian Brothers of the Sword to those of the Teutonic Order, also presenting the distribution of castles within the territory. Bernhart Jähnig points out the fact that the biggest castles were built in central parts of the territory, which demonstrates their administrative and representative roles, in which the castle in Riga was particularly significant. The book includes architectural aspects connected with the functions performed by the castles, such as remarks about alterations in the late Middle Ages caused by the appearance of artillery, which shows the anticipation of military activity.

The church in the area under Teutonic authority in Livonia is the subject of the next chapter. The author discusses such questions as the territorial and legal basis of the bishoprics in Livonia, conflicts and signs of cooperation with the Teutonic Order, the order's attitude towards monasteries situated in Livonia, the pardons obtained from the church in order to conduct the military activities of the order, as well as the policy of the order towards parishes, rights of patronage, etc. According to the author, the situation of the church in Livonia should be compared not only with the situation in Prussia, but also with that in many parts in the Holy Roman Empire.

The next chapter relates to territorial aspects of the administrative divisions in Livonia, the creation of new administrative units and the changes in those divisions which took place from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. The author also draws attention to the properties of the Brothers of the Sword which were situated outside Livonia (in Bremen, Lübeck, and Sweden). The Teutonic Order's attempts to take over their property were not always successful.

This is followed by a chapter devoted to the issues of the composition and personnel policy concerning Teutonic officials in Livonia. The next two chapters respectively discuss the central authority and the regional authority of commanders (Komture) and bailiffs (Vögte).

The last chapter addresses problems of judicial power, including problems concerning its normative sources. The law under the Teutonic authority in Livonia was created by a combination of various elements. Decisions from the first period concerning the Papacy, archbishops of Riga, the Livonian Brothers of the Sword, and later the Teutonic Order constituted a vital element of the law. Knightly law was equally important. The author shows the reception of the *Sachsenspiegel* in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, as well as the independence of municipal courts.

Undoubtedly, the book is a perfect compendium of knowledge about various aspects of the territorial rule of the Teutonic Order in Livonia.

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