

Editor's Preface

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After two thematic issues volume 3 of ›Medieval Worlds‹ is the first open issue of the journal, and we are glad to have received a fair number of submissions of high quality. In this issue, we also launch the format of ›thematic clusters‹, which can consist of smaller or larger groups of papers addressing a common topic from different regional and/or disciplinary angles. This time, the topic is ›Tribes, ethnicity and the nation‹; it will be continued in issue 5 with a further group of papers. Clusters of papers, or ideas for them, can of course also be submitted. For the time being, we will have open calls for the July issue, and a thematic issue in December. Issue 4, due out 1 December 2016, will deal with history, archaeology and genetics, and with the methodological problems raised by their interdisciplinary collaboration. For issue 5 (2017), an open call has been announced. Besides, we also invite project presentations and conference reports in the field of medieval comparative and global history.