



## EDITORS' NOTE

In 2017, the Institute of Baltic Region History and Archaeology of Klaipėda University will mark the 25th year of its academic activities. Throughout this time, the theme of cultural contacts in the southeast Baltic coastal strip, between the River Vistula and the River Daugava, has been engaging the attention of scholars at the Institute. When investigating the region where Christian culture spread last in Europe, issues of faith, piety and confessional contacts have understandably been of interest to researchers. Over these years, much has been done in the investigation of Christianisation, the Reformation and confessionalisation, both at the micro- (parish) and macro- (regional) levels, in different periods and in different contexts. Research in this direction was intensified by a series of conferences devoted to the theme of the development of Christianity, and initiated by Vacys Vaivada and his colleagues in 2005. Each year, in the autumn, conferences are held together with the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Sciences, the oldest academic association for research into the Church and Christianity in Lithuania. Issues of the relationship with Christian culture were also analysed in the project *Value Transformations in the Eastern Baltic Coastlands during the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Period* (2012–2015), under the leadership of S.C. Rowell. Its main findings were published in four books last year.

From the birth of the idea to its implementation, Volume XXXIII of the series *Acta Historica Universitatis Klaipedensis* was the initiative of Marius Ščavinskas, who has been studying the Christianisation of the region for more than a decade. The articles presented in the volume emerged from contacts forged in the course of long-term activities, and from ideas discussed and problems considered at academic meetings.

We thank all our colleagues for their kind cooperation, which has enabled the emergence of this volume.

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## REDAKTORIAUS ŽODIS

2017-aisiais Klaipėdos universiteto Baltijos regiono istorijos ir archeologijos institutas skaičius 25-uosius akademinės veiklos metus. Kultūrinių kontaktų, kurie pasireiškė pietrytinės Baltijos jūros pakrantės ruože tarp Vyslos ir Dauguvos upių, tema Instituto tyrinėtojų akiratyje buvo visą tą laiką. Tiriant regioną, kuriame vėliausiai