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Brepolis Bibliographies - *Perspecti* Citation Plugin (PCP)

Starting January 2026, *Brepolis Bibliographies* will include citation information through a new citation plugin. The tool will be available in the hitlist as a number, and on the record page, displaying the total number of citations along with the bibliographical details of the citing publications.

◆ Additional subscription option

The citation data are sourced from *Perspecti*, Brepols' upcoming database on research in the Humanities, which aims to collect and link various types of publication metadata. With the release of citation details through the new bibliographies citation plugin, *Perspecti* is presenting its initial findings.

All users of Brepolis bibliographies can access the number of citations, as well as the details of the two most recent citations. For comprehensive access to all registered citation details, Brepols offers an additional subscription option.

The *Perspecti* Plugin is available for one to four bibliographies. The price depends on the number of bibliographies for which the plugin option needs to be activated.
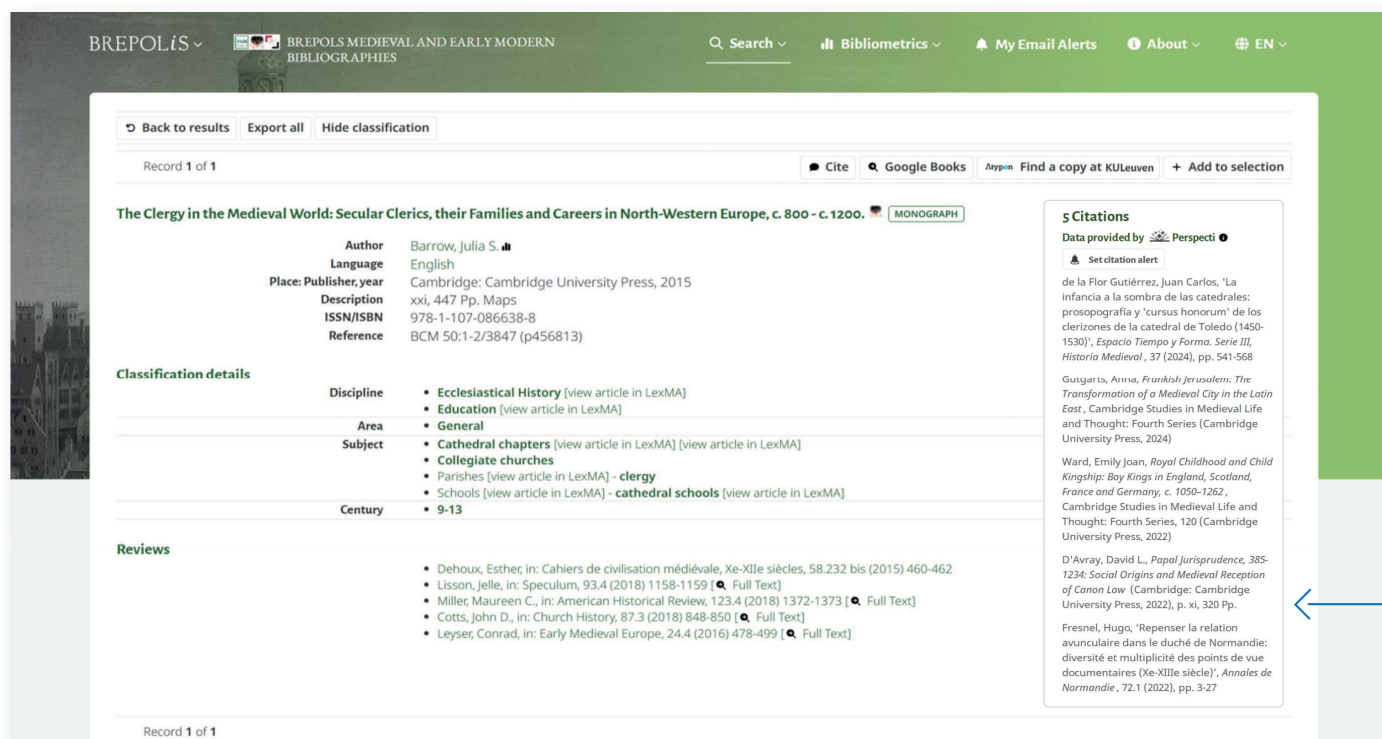
◆ One-year trial price for the first subscription year

We've intentionally set a low introductory price for the Plugin option to make citation data across our bibliographies accessible to a broad user base.

Even though *Perspecti* is not yet available as a separate database, we believe it's important to provide users with an early snapshot of its findings.

Across our various bibliographies, our target is to catalogue over 850,000 citations by the end of January 2026, and more citation details will be added throughout the year. By activating the Plugin, researchers will benefit from an enhanced discovery of related publications and explore the initial findings of *Perspecti*.

Example of a bibliographical record, including the available citations listed on the right-hand side (*Perspecti* Plugin)

5 citations provided by the *Perspecti* Plugin

The *Perspecti* Plugin is available in the following bibliographies:

- L'Année Philologique
- Bibliography of British and Irish History
- Brepols Medieval & Early Modern Bibliographies, or any of its parts:
    - International Medieval Bibliography
    - Bibliographie de Civilisation Médiévale
    - International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance
- Index Religiosus

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Perspecti will be a database capturing the unique publication fingerprint of research in the humanities, to offer reliable perspectives for researchers, librarians, institutions, governments, and funders. It aims to foster and support bibliodiversity in the humanities.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Background

The need for **representative publication metadata in the humanities** is currently not properly answered. Existing tools primarily focus on journal content in English, published by the main publishers and by doing so, they draw an image of monoculture. Some recent tools are more comprehensive but only have limited or inaccurate citation linking. This biased coverage creates significant challenges for the humanities ecosystem, affecting the discoverability, visibility, and recognition of research in the related disciplines.

Goal

Perspecti will address the shortcomings of the existing metadata providers and aims to offer a comprehensive 360° overview of publications in the humanities:

◆ **Publication types**

The core collection of *Perspecti* encompasses not just journal articles, but also a wide array of book content including monographs, text editions, conference proceedings, collected essays, festschrifts, and book chapters. This inclusive approach enhances our understanding of the diverse publication landscape within the Humanities.

◆ **Languages**

Research in the humanities embraces multilingualism, including Romance, Germanic, Slavic, other Indo-European languages, as well as ancient languages. Perspecti aims to comprehensively capture this linguistic diversity, enabling meaningful data analysis and discovery across languages for the first time.

◆ **Publishers**

Perspecti aims to not only include the big well-known academic publishing houses but will also chart the long tail of smaller publishing houses, typical for the humanities and its bibliodiversity.

◆ **Enriched and interlinked metadata**

Perspecti will display citation information, author affiliations, open access status, and funder information per publication. Citations will be sourced directly from footnotes and bibliographies, providing more comprehensive and accurate citation information per book, chapter, or article than publicly available sources such as CrossRef. This citation information focuses on references to other research publications, but will potentially be expanded at a later stage to other cited items important or typical to the humanities (grey literature, primary sources, research data or digital humanities outputs).

◆ **Disciplines**

Perspecti will be focused on academic publications from the following disciplines: Arts, Archaeology, Classics, History, Language and Literature, Museology, Music, Philosophy & Religious studies.

◆ **Stay Informed**

Further announcements and detailed information will be shared in August 2025 and in the months thereafter.

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