

Money-lending among the Viennese citizenry in the Middle Ages

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This paper will deal with the Viennese citizenry and their money transactions in the late 13th and 14th centuries.

Although in the Middle Ages money-lending was officially restricted to groups of a special legal status (such as Jews or Lombards), a closer look at the business charters shows that most of the transactions took place between Christians, mostly between members of one social class, often within a family.

The paper will also deal with the issue whether money-lending among Christians followed the same rules as transactions involving Jews or Lombards and examine the differences and similarities of the diplomatic formulae.

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