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This is the first of a two-volume set aimed at applying methodologies drawn from the history of globalization to cities of the Mediterranean of the long Middle Ages. The essays explore various aspects of ethno-religious diversity and phenomena related to intercultural relations and cultural production. The editors note that such engagements tended not to give rise to new "integrated" identities, but rather were conducive to the establishment of enclaves within Mediterranean "world-cities." Nevertheless, these constitute a key aspect of the development of modern identities and the construction or perception of "heritage." The essays here are based on papers given at the 2018 Italian Association of Urban History conference held in Genoa and include contributions by scholars based in North America, Europe and Turkey. Overall, there is a strong focus on Italy, although Ottoman lands and the Iberian Peninsula are also represented. These include papers of varying methodological and disciplinary approaches, including cultural history, art history, and economic, legal and literary history. As to be expected from a conference proceedings, there is not a single, unifying argument to the essays; rather, each presents casestudies for the larger themes noted above. The book is well-produced and edited with a generous allotment of black and white images. Scholars will find the individual chapters useful for research and perhaps for assigning to upper-level or graduate seminars.

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