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*The Birth of Europe. Archaeology and Social Development in the First Millennium A.D.* Edited by Klavs Randsborg. *Analecta Romana Instituti Danici. Supplementum XVI.* "L'Erma" di Bretschneider, Roma 1989. 191 p. ITL 95.000.

This volume contains the papers read at an international archaeological symposium on the development of Western Europe during the first millennium organised by the Danish Academy, the British School and the Swedish Institute in Rome (January 1987). The approach combines material evidence, written sources and social anthropology in order to gain new insights on problems of the development of early Europe: (1) the relations between the socio-political organization and its economic basis, (2) the interaction between societies of similar or different type, (3) the development of the main social formations of the millennium, (4) the changing conditions of living in Europe during the period, (5) the changes in mentality and cultural norms in these societies. The volume is divided into six sections: (1) Introduction, by K. Randsborg; (2) The Roman Empire and Barbarian Society, with contributions by A. Carandini, D. Manacorda – E. Zanini, W.J.H. Willems, U.L. Hansen, J. Ilkjaer; (3) Settlement archaeology in Roman Period Europe, by G. Barker, E. Fentress – F. Cambi, F. Kaul and S. Hvass; (4) In the Aftermath of the Empire, by H. Steuer, H.J. Hansen and U. Näsman; (5) The Rise of Western Europe, by C. Wickham, T. Mannoni, G.P. Brogiolo, R. Francovich and A. Andrén; and (6) Conclusions, by R. Hodges. The studies thus extensively cover a large number of central themes of current research. The reader would have appreciated indexes and a comprehensive bibliography in this otherwise useful volume.

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