

cension manuscripts<sup>12</sup>. Second, scholars are becoming increasingly aware that the first recension differs from the second recension in terms of sources, design, and purpose<sup>13</sup>. While the second recension contains many Roman law texts from Justinian's *Corpus iuris civilis*, the first recension contains almost none<sup>14</sup>. Liturgical and sacramental details are also common in the second recension but are generally lacking in the first recension<sup>15</sup>. As recent studies affirm, the first recension was designed to be a concise teaching text and was informed by the latest trends in scholastic theology and dialectic<sup>16</sup>. It was meant to resolve theoretical conflicts and provide a framework for students to understand canon law. In contrast, the second recension acts more as a dossier of proof texts on the model of older canon law collections<sup>17</sup>. Frustratingly, the additions of the second recension often interrupt and confuse the arguments of the first recension. Fueled by new manuscript research, our understanding of the *Decretum* is undergoing rapid change. We now know more about the early text than Emil Friedberg in the nineteenth century, Antonio Agustín and the *Correctores Romani* in the sixteenth century, and – in some respects – even Huguccio and the Bolognese glossators in the twelfth century. This article hopes to shed yet more light onto the mysterious origins of the *Decretum*.

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12) Details on the project, which is led by Anders Winroth, can be found at <http://gratian.org/>.

13) Stephan DUSIL, *Wissensordnungen des Rechts im Wandel: Päpstlicher Jurisdiktionsprimat und Zölibat zwischen 1000 und 1215 (Mediaevalia Lovaniensia I / 47, 2018)* p. 329–412; WEI, *Gratian the Theologian (as n. 2)* p. 247–296. Recent interpretations largely confirm and expand upon the guidelines set forth in WINROTH, *Making (as n. 2)* p. 3–4, 122–136.

14) Anders WINROTH, *Roman Law in Gratian and the Panormia*, in: *Bishops, Texts and the Use of Canon Law around 1100: Essays in Honour of Martin Brett*, ed. Bruce C. BRASINGTON / Kathleen G. CUSHING / Stephan DUSIL (2008) p. 183–90; IDEM, *Making (as n. 2)* p. 146–74; José Miguel VIEJO-XIMÉNEZ, *El Derecho Romano „nuevo“ en el Decreto de Graciano*, *ZRG Kan.* 88 (2002) p. 1–19.

15) WEI, *Gratian the Theologian (as n. 2)* p. 253–295. The entire treatise *De consecratione (pars tertia of the Decretum)* is absent in the first recension.

16) DUSIL, *Wissensordnungen (as n. 13)* p. 356–363; On Gratian and scholastic theology, see recently WEI, *Gratian the Theologian (as n. 2)*; LARSON, *Master (as n. 2)*.

17) DUSIL, *Wissensordnungen (as n. 13)* p. 363–374.