

## Lena Rohrbach: The Making of an Archive. Textual Practices in Hólar and Skálholt in the Late Middle Ages

In this paper I will discuss information about archival practices at the two episcopal sees in Iceland in a comparative perspective. As Iceland lacked central places such as towns or royal courts, the two episcopal sees were the major central places in the Late Middle Ages. The material evidence indicates that the episcopal archives also housed documents from the monasteries and other places. Notes on the documents as well as cartularies allow insights into archival practices as well as attempts to organize and arrange the transmitted documents. I will in my paper discuss what these material traces indicate about the role of the episcopal sees in the establishment of literacy techniques in the Icelandic context and in the making of an Icelandic written archive.