Inhabited Architecture: A Pervasive Motif in Medieval Art and Modern Theory

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Little scholarly attention is paid to peripheral figures in Late Antique, Byzantine and Western Medieval larger contexts, even though they are perennial and raise theoretical questions regarding the way in which they should be read. Their diversity challenges the understanding that they possess a single, shared significance. How then in the face of this variety should their presence be apprehended?