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‘Applying Old-World Solutions to New-World Problems’?
Re-enacting Chivalry Today.

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Wrenching the supposed values of the age of chivalry into another time is not uncommon. As NAZI bombs rained down on London in 1940, for example, C.S. Lewis, the author of popular children’s stories, issued a well-known public call for a revival of chivalry to help defend the nation from unspeakable evil. A little over a century earlier, in the shadow of the industrial revolution, Sir Walter Scott published Ivanhoe, thereby almost single-handedly initiating a mediaeval revival that gripped the Anglophone world for a generation. Today, hundreds of thousands of women and men across the globe spend their weekends dressed in courtly gowns, chainmail and armour. This paper will explore what chivalric re-enactors think they are re-enacting and what attracts them to it.

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