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Call for Papers

Judicial Records of Cities between the 13th and 16th Centuries: European Cases in Comparison, edited by Maela Carletti and Didier Lett

In recent decades, the study of judicial sources has constituted the focus of numerous conferences, seminars, international projects and publications. Today, research can rely on fundamental censuses of the documentation preserved in the archives, as well as on important studies that contribute both to tracing general frameworks with sharper outlines, and to carry deep analysis on specific contexts (with various characteristics of dominant and subject cities, minor centres and rural municipalities). Just to mention some fundamental texts: *Pratiques sociales et politiques judiciaires dans les villes de l'Occident à la fin du Moyen Âge*, edited by J. Chiffolleau, C. Gauvard, A. Zorzi, École Française de Rome, Rome 2007; *La documentazione degli organi giudiziari nell'Italia tardo-medievale e moderna*, atti del convegno (Siena, 15-17 settembre 2008), edited by A. Giorgi, S. Moscadelli, C. Zarrilli, Ministero per i beni e le attività culturali, Roma, 2012; *I registri della giustizia penale nell'Italia comunale dei secoli XII-XV*, edited by D. Lett, École Française de Rome (Collection de l'École Française de Rome- 580), Rome 2020.

A varied and articulated panorama has emerged, based on an impressive amount of documentation that in some contexts appears disorganised and discontinuous due to widespread gaps; moreover, it is waiting for the interest of specific studies that, in the wake of recent historiography, contribute to delineate the 'geography of sources' from a comparative perspective that highlights similarities and differences between the individual realities. *Proposte e ricerche* aims to collect contributions that can enrich the panorama with in-depth studies on specific cases relating to a vast geographical area which, starting from the Marche context, extends to the national and international panorama.

The beginning of the time span coincides with the 13th Century, which not only in the practice of judicial writings marks the transition from the recording of proceedings in individual, autonomous, and complete documents, to the writing 'in series' of procedural stages on a file (first in acts inserted in the notarial registers and then in special files, intended to accommodate the individual stages or the entire procedure). A context

dominated by the professional figure of the notary extender who acts as an interpreter for a plurality of actors: accusers, witnesses, defendants, prosecutors and sureties, jurists and lawyers. The ‘time-limit’ is set for the early 16th Century, when the advent of the great courts and rotary tribunals changed the context and methods of producing judicial documentation.

Scholars are invited to submit an abstract focusing on one of the listed topics:

- judicial procedures and documentary practice: procedures, documentary structures, actors;
- relationship between the records of judicial bodies and other ‘pragmatic’ records (legislative sources, council deliberations, financial and fiscal sources);
- civil and ecclesiastical courts: relationships and interactions;
- role of notaries, professionals of writing who act as mediators between orality and writing, between Latin and the vernacular language;
- social history, particularly in relation to the areas of violence, women, and minors.

Proposals for unpublished articles, in Italian and English, must contain an abstract of no more than 3,000 characters and a brief scientific profile of the author with a list of the main publications. Proposals should be sent to the email addresses of the editors, Maela Carletti (maela.carletti@unimc.it) and Didier Lett (didier.lett@wanadoo.fr), with the following information in the subject line: CFP JUSTICE. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 30th September, 2022. Selected authors will be notified by 31st October, 2022. Articles selected for publication must not exceed 50,000 characters, including spaces and footnotes, and must be received in final version by 31 January 2023. Articles, written in Italian, French or English, will undergo an anonymous double blind peer review. The publication of the special issue of the journal *Proposte e ricerche. Economia e società nella storia dell’Italia centrale* is scheduled for 2023.

