

THE NORTHERN ITALIAN TRADING COLONIES OF SICILY IN THE 12TH CENTURY

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Abstract: During the 11th and 12th centuries, the Norman kingdom pursued an active policy along the North African coast and the latitudes of the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian seas. In the maritime spaces, the interests of a number of Northern Italian cities such as Venice, Genoa and Pisa clashed. In time, these maritime powers formed their own colonies in southern Italy. The history of their settlements in the island of Sicily are precisely the subject of the present article.

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