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## Abstracts

EUGENIO DI RIENZO, “Una Polonia del Mediterraneo”. Il Regno delle Due Sicilie e le Potenze Europee 1830-1856

Was the death of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies due to an internal implosion process fastened by the «*Risorgimento* revolution» which caused the unification of our Country? Or was the pressure by the *Puissances maritimes* (France and England) decisive in provoking the collapse of the Bourbon dynasty? These powers since the middle of XIX<sup>th</sup> century had been trying to transform Southern Italy into an economic colony and into a strategic outpost functional to their Mediterranean policy.

This essay answers all these questions using inedited documents, coming from the diplomatic archives of France, England, Austria and Russia. The author analyses the long agony of the Kingdom of Naples during a period of time which goes from the commercial conflict against Great Britain in 1840 to the international consequences of the 1848 Revolution, to the Crimean War, to the end of the European balance of powers caused by the Paris Congress in 1856.