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## Abstracts

ROBERTO MARTUCCI, *La regola è l'eccezione. La legge Pica nel suo contesto*

This essay aims at highlighting the double nature of the Pica Act (Legge Pica) which was in force from 1863, August 15 to 1865, December 31. Apparently it was a special law introducing the new crime of brigandage, but at the same time it created emergency powers in violation of the Statuto Albertino. These emergency powers were conferred to military commands to the detriment of civil authorities in the territories of the former Kingdom of the Two Sicilies.