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## Abstracts

LUCIANO MAFFI – MARCO ROCHINI, Corpi intermedi e «reti sociali di supporto» in Italia settentrionale nell'età moderna: il sistema del dare a Voghera nel XVIII secolo

*This contribution proposes to reconstruct the social support networks in Voghera in the 18th century, both through a dispute between intermediate bodies of the society and through the analysis of the relationship of parishes in preparation for the pastoral visits. The reports about the pastoral visits, in fact, make note of the main bequests left to the parish and to the confraternities both for masses and for charitable works. They therefore concern the individual bequests that will become part of the informal “social support networks” also in rural areas: dowries for poor girls, bread, money and clothing to distribute to the poor. Also within the “social support networks” of the ancien régime the institutions of the hospitals have played a role of extreme importance, both as places of hospitality and assistance for pilgrims or the poor and as places of shelter and care for the sick. Finally, emblematic is the activity of the “monti frumentari”, structures that, administered by confraternities and the other intermediate bodies, were an important activity of social support and integration to agricultural work.*

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