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STEFANO COLAVECCHIA, *Il Cardinale e l'Eretico. Una lettura settecentesca di Alberico Gentili tra riscoperta e damnatio memoriae*

Alberico Gentili, an Italian jurist refugee religionis causa in England, played a pivotal role in the making of the jus publicum europaeum. After his death in 1608, his name felt in a sort of oblivion. Gentili's fortune is the essay's main issue, pointing out a cultural go-between that involves England, Germany and Italy. The reception of Gentili is in fact much more focused, in the seventeenth century, on his republican interpretation of Machiavelli. Notably, this occurred in the works of German jurists like Zieritz, Conring and Christ. In Italy a special place for the republican interpretation of Machiavelli can be found in Lampredi and Galanti. It is unknown that the future cardinal Antonelli in 1742 used Gentili's De iure belli to legitimate Papal claims over Parma and Piacenza's Duchy during the war of Austrian Succession, despite the fact that Gentili's opera omnia was branded as heretical since 1603. It is surprising that such an important member of the Catholic hierarchy mentions heretical Gentili's works even as Grotius forerunner as father of the international law of war. This original acknowledgement hints a reassessment of Alberico's thinking in Italy.

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