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Abstracts

ALBERTO STRAMACCIONI, *Le esperienze costituzionali negli Stati preunitari italiani. L'influenza francese e inglese: 1796-1861*

The author researches the constitutional history of the various Italian States in the period between 1796 and 1861, prior to the unification of Italy and against the background of a rising liberal and patriotic movement. The author traces the influence of the French and English institutional models on the formation of a specific Italian model, which found its origins in the "Statuto Albertino" granted by the King of Sardinia in 1848. This unique constitutional blend while formally reserving all the executive power to the Monarchy, opened the way to a kind of "parliamentary government", whereby, at least in part, the appointed executive body found political legitimacy by leaning on the legislative chamber. As a result of Parliament becoming the key institution of the State, the practice of "trasformismo", i.e. members of parliament switching allegiances, became paramount. The Author claims that this evolution was made possible both by the flexibility inbuilt in the Statuto Albertino, as well as by its transformative interpretation throughout the whole period in which Italy remained a Monarchy and beyond.

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