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Abstracts

FRANCO CARDINI, I Fiorentini e il Mediterraneo fra Tre e Quattrocento. Presupposti e fondamenti di una «politica marinara»

This essay aims at describing the general context that saw the premises of Florentine naval growing power in the Mediterranean Sea between XIVth and XVth centuries. In the course of the XIVth century Florence had not yet developed a real interest in building a strong position in the Mediterranean Sea, mainly because of its ongoing alliance with Venice. As a matter of fact both cities followed complementary strategies: one on the mainland, the other on the sea. This balance was partially modified as some Florentine families acquired feudal possessions in Greece with the help of the Kingdom of Naples. A real change happened when Florence conquered Pisa: that was the prelude to the establishment of its politics across the Mediterranean Sea, as Michael Mallet's studies show.