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Abstracts

SERGIO BERTELLI, Erotismo libertino in Laguna fra Cinque e Seicento

In March 1527, Pietro Aretino found asylum in Venice, where he met the young patrician Lorenzo Venier. Their friendship produced a series of erotic and even blasphemous literary works. Another *refugé* in Lagoon was Alessandro Piccolomini (1508-1578), founder in Padua of the “Infiammati” academy, enrolling among the academicians Aretino, in March 1541. They followed the aristotelic teaching of Cesare Cremonini and Galileo Galilei, at the time professors at the University of Padua. Later, their example was the source of the foundation, by the wealthy venetian patrician and eminent politician Francesco Loredan, of the “Incogniti” academy (1630), to which belonged Ferrante Pallavicino (beheaded in Avignon, in 1644). Mainly in a homosexual contest, the priest Antonio Rocco joined the group, as author of a scandalous dialogue *Alcibiade fanciullo a scola*, an exalting of pedophilia.