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## Abstracts

AURELIO MUSI, Le “occasioni mancate” dell’Italia: l’Unità prima dell’Unità

The object of this article is an investigation about “missed opportunities” of unity before the Unity of Italy in 1861: from Medieval to Modern History. Italian City-States and Empire of Federico II, the crisis of Italian States System between XV and XVI centuries, the Spanish Imperial System, the age of Napoleon, Gioacchino Murat are regarded as historical situations of “missed opportunities”. The different meanings of this concept are: the realistic possibilities to make the unity in a specific historical context; the willful project to make the unity, showed by the protagonists; the anachronistic projection from the present to the past and the public use of history. So a study of “missed opportunities” of unity before the Unity shows the “common sense” of Italian political Unity in 1861.