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Abstracts

LORENZO CERIMELE, Da «amicizia naturale» ad alleanza. L'evoluzione dei rapporti italo-prussiani da Plombières a Sadowa (1858-1866)

The object of this research is the development of Italian-Prussian relations from the secret agreements of Plombières in 1858 to the famous battle of Sadowa in 1866. During this time, Count of Cavour theorized the “natural alliance” between the Kingdom of Sardinia (then Kingdom of Italy) with the Kingdom of Prussia, a project that the Prussian Chancellor Bismarck positively evaluated. The ultimate aim of the alliance between these two “national” powers was to expel the Hapsburg Empire from the German territories and from the Lombardy-Veneto region. From the Italian point of view, especially after the end of the French direct support in the summer of 1859, the Prussian help became for Cavour the only possibility to complete the work of 1859 and resolve the question of Veneto for good; of the same opinion was Bismarck, who needed the Italian help to divide the powerful Austrian imperial army in two parts. These two approaches matched on the eighth of April 1866, when the alliance was finally signed in Berlin.

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