



Local Causes and Global Consequences: the 1528 Hispanic-Genoese Alliance, from the Mediterranean to the Pacific

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This paper will offer a brief introduction to the late medieval history of Genoa, a city/state with a remarkable constitutional order and a peculiar economic culture. In order to understand the role played by the Genoese people in Global history (and in particular in the Spanish Americas), it is necessary to discuss what kind of colonial and entrepreneurial experience the Genoese brought with them, as well as the local issues affecting their relationship with Spain from the outbreak of the Italian Wars, in 1494, to the beginning of the Hispanic-Genoese alliance, in 1528. The paper will discuss the global consequences of this alliance presenting a case study from Chile, which in the 1540s was a remote periphery of the Spanish world.



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