

Individual, Territory and Intention: Citizenship in the Medieval Legal Debate

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Summary: The prevalent meaning of the word *civis* (citizen), during the 12th century, was closer to the semantic area of duties than of rights. The ecclesiastical debates developed from the end of the 11th century within the Gregorian Reform exercised a great influence on the lay political thought – especially the importance given to the payment of the tithes as sign of belonging of the worshipper to the Christian community. Only during the 14th century, medieval lawyers did emancipate themselves from the Roman land perspective of the late antique sources, perceived as unsuitable to contain the relations of power and the forms of profit of the late medieval world.

Sommario: Il significato prevalente della parola *civis*, durante il XII secolo, era più vicino all'area semantica dei doveri che a quella dei diritti. I dibattiti ecclesiastici sviluppatosi a partire dalla fine dell'XI secolo nell'ambito della Riforma Gregoriana esercitarono una grande influenza sul pensiero politico laico – in particolare l'importanza attribuita al pagamento della decima come segno di appartenenza del fedele alla comunità cristiana. Solo nel XIV secolo i giuristi medievali si emanciparono dalla prospettiva fondiaria romana delle fonti tardo-antiche, percepita come inadatta a contenere i rapporti di potere e le forme di profitto del mondo tardo-medievale.

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