

Abstract

In the last centuries of the Middle Ages the events that led to the submission, the different policies adopted by the popes and their legates, and the formation of local elites who expressed prominent figures in the city, who nevertheless had to assume the role of vicars of the papal power, are interesting for further information and comparison. In 1376 Bologna inaugurated a partial reconquest of autonomy by the local institutions while maintaining a formal submission to the Papacy sought to expand their functions through the so-called "Signoria del popolo e delle arti".