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Through his participation in the Nine Years War (1688–1697) and the War of the Spanish Succession (1701–1714), Victor Amadeus II, duke of Savoy, acquired a reputation for unrivalled ‘Machiavellian’ double-dealing on the international stage. The book puts this diplomacy in context, both to justify the duke’s diplomacy and to rehabilitate his reputation. It also charts the process of administrative change necessitated by war – considering how the duke raised men and money (at home and abroad), the administrative changes forced by war, the resulting domestic pressures, and how these were dealt with – while emphasising the continuing importance of traditional structures. In contrast to previous histories, the book explores for the first time the way in which war could provoke opposition to ducal policy and also how it could generate new bonds and an unusual version of state nationalism. There is also a re-evaluation of the role of the nobility in the Savoyard state, which argues that they were as much collaborators with as victims of ducal absolutism.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Archival references

AST	Archivio di Stato, Turin
BRT	Biblioteca Reale, Turin
CDC	Camera dei Conti
LM	Lettere Ministri
LP	Lettere di Particolari
LPDS	Lettere di Principi, Duchi e Sovrani
MC	Materie Criminali
ME	Materie Ecclesiastiche
MG	Materie Giuridiche
MM	Materie Militari
UGS	Ufficio Generale del Soldo
PCF	Patenti Controllo Finanze
ARAH	Algemeen Rijks Archief, The Hague
EA	Eerste Afdeeling
SG	Staten Generaal
AGS	Archivo General de Simancas
E	Estado series

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PRO	Public Record Office, London
SP	State Papers
Add	British Library, Additional Manuscripts

Individuals

DLT	Comte and president de la Tour
ST	Marquis de Saint-Thomas (elder and younger)
VA	Victor Amadeus II, duke of Savoy
VDM	Albert van der Meer

Bibliographical

ASI	<i>Archivio Storico Italiano</i>
BSBS	<i>Bollettino Storico-Bibliografico Subalpino</i>
BSSV	<i>Bollettino della Societa di Studi Valdesi</i> (formerly <i>Bulletin de la Société d'Hisotire Vaudoise</i>)
CGP	C. Contessa <i>et al.</i> , eds., <i>Le Campagne di Guerra in Piemonte (1703–1708) e l'assedio di Torino (1706)</i> , 10 vols. (Turin, 1908–1933)
DBI	<i>Dizionario Biografico degli Italiani</i> , 33 vols. (Rome, 1960–87)
Duboin	F. A. and C. Duboin, <i>Raccolta per ordine di materia delle leggi . . . emanati negli stati sardi sino all'8 Dicembre 1798</i> , 23 vols. (Turin, 1818–69)
MAST	<i>Memorie dell'Accademia delle Scienze di Torino</i>
MSI	<i>Miscellanea di Storia Italiana</i>
MDSSHAC	<i>Mémoires et Documents publiés par la Société Savoisienne d'Histoire et d'Archéologie</i> , Chambéry
RSI	<i>Rivista Storica Italiana</i>



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