

Piero di Lorenzo de' Medici and the Crisis of Renaissance Italy

Following the life of one man, Piero de Medici, Lorenzo the Magnificent's son, Alison Brown sheds new light on several of the most important themes of Renaissance history and culture by combining political history, the history of ideas and cultural history. This interdisciplinary study weaves together an understudied period of crisis in Italy that brought down three leading dynasties, the revolution that in turn led to the new political realism of writers like Machiavelli, Guicciardini and Francesco Vettori, and, finally, the transition from the civic culture of the early Renaissance to the courtly or princely culture of the Cinquecento. Focusing on Piero's full life and colourful character, Brown grants us a unique and contextualised insight into the patronage, culture and politics of Renaissance Italy, whilst grounding broader trends within the lived experience of Florence's most famous ruling family.

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List of Abbreviations

Acq. Doni	Acquisti e Doni, fondi in ASF and the Bibl. Laurenziana, Florence
AS	Archivio di Stato
ASF	Archivio di Stato, Florence
ASI	<i>Archivio storico italiano</i>
BNCF	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Florence
Brown, <i>Florence</i> (2011)	A. Brown, <i>Medicean and Savonarolan Florence</i> , 2011
Can	Canestrini G.-Desjardins, A., <i>Négotiations diplomatiques de la France avec la Toscane</i>
<i>Corrispondenza</i> 3, 5, 7	<i>Corrispondenza degli ambasciatori fiorentini a Napoli</i> , 3 (di Bernardo Rucellai, 1486–87, ed. Meli); 5 (di Paolo Antonio Soderini, 1489–90, ed. Trapani); 7 (di Piero Alamanni, 1492–93, and Bartolomeo Ugolini [1–18 aprile 149, ed. B. Figliuolo, 2012])
CS	Carte strozziane in ASF
DBI	<i>Dizionario biografico degli Italiani</i> , Rome: Treccani
Dovizi	ser Piero Dovizi, not his brothers Bernardo (later Cardinal Bibbiena) and Antonio, both of whom also worked as secretaries for the Medici
GC	Ginori Conti fondo in BNCF
Guicciardini, <i>Storie</i>	F. Guicciardini, <i>Storie fiorentine</i>
<i>JWCI</i>	<i>Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes</i>
Lorenzo, <i>Lettere</i> 1–12, 15–16	Lorenzo de' Medici, <i>Lettere</i> 1–2 (ed. Fubini), 3–4 (ed. Rubinstein), 5–7 (ed. Mallett), 8–9 (ed. Butters), 12 (ed. Pellegrini), 15–16 (ed. Böninger)
MAP	Mediceo avanti il Principato fondo in ASF
<i>Mitteilungen</i>	<i>Mitteilungen des Kunsthistorischen Institutes in Florenz</i>

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Najemy, <i>A History</i>	J. Najemy, <i>A History of Florence, 1200–1575</i>
Piero	Piero de' Medici
SSX8LCMR	ASF Signori, Dieci, Otto, Legazione e Commissarie, Missive e Responsive

**Abbreviated References to *fondi* in the Archivio di Stato,
 Florence**

Notarile ante cos<imiano>
 Otto di Guardia rep<ublicano>
 Otto di Pratica, Delib<erazioni>
 Otto <di Pratica> Respons<ive>
 Provv<isioni> 186
 Signori, Coll<egi>, Cond<otte> e Stanz<iamenti>
 Signori, Delib<erazioni> ord<inaria> aut<orità>
 Signori, Leg<azioni> e Comm<issarie>. Elez<ioni>, Istruz<ioni>
 e Lett<ere>
 Signori Respons<ive> 11
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