

INTRODUCTION BY THE EDITORS

This volume is the ideal continuation of a previous research that one of the editors published several years ago¹. While that volume related to Eritrea, the present one is devoted to Somalia, chronologically the second Italian colony.

In this case, as more researchers have been involved, the scope of the political and legal analysis is broader. The participation of three Somali scholars is particularly welcomed, as it allows to understand the events in a perspective different from what could result only from a eurocentric approach².

It is true that, as remarked in the foreword, not all the relevant aspects of Italian colonialism in Somalia have been covered. However, this volume should be seen as a step on the way towards more interest for studies on an important subject of the history of the two countries involved.

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¹ SCOVAZZI, *Assab, Massaua, Uccialli, Adua – Gli strumenti giuridici del primo colonialismo italiano*, Torino, 1996 (1st ed.), 1998 (2nd ed.).

² Even though, in the last decades, some distinguished Italian historians have not followed the parochial and apologetic approach that was common in the past.

