

## Guglielmo Perno, giurista di Sicilia (sec. XV)

*Sommario:* Nella prima parte l'articolo riassume le interpretazioni storiografiche, non concordi, sul ruolo che i giuristi avrebbero avuto all'interno delle dinamiche sociali dei vari ceti in Sicilia. Guglielmo Perno appartiene a un ceto agrario cittadino, segnato da forti ambizioni signorili, e per risalenti intrecci parentali fortemente legato alla nobiltà tradizionale e molto meno a una borghesia debole (c.d. 'patriziato cittadino'). I suoi interessi scientifici e professionali sono prevalentemente orientati verso le problematiche feudali (fu "summus inter modernos siculos feudista"). Delle opere del giurista l'articolo utilizza un testo finora considerato perduto, quello delle *Apostillae* al *Commentarium* sul *Liber feudorum* di Andrea d'Isernia, riportate in larga parte in un *apparatus recollectus* di ignoto allievo, testimoniato nel prezioso ms. di Lawrence, Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas, E.259.

*Parole-chiave:* Nobiltà; Borghesia; Professioni legali; Ms. Lawrence (Kansas); Opere di Perno recuperate.

*Summary:* The first part of the essay treats the differing historiographic interpretations that the role of the jurists have received in dynamics among the various classes in Sicilian society. Guglielmo Perno was a member of an urban class that had strong connections to the countryside and the feudal world. His intertwined familial relationships were characteristic of the traditional nobility and not of the weak bourgeois (i.e. citizens who have been "patriciated" and who no longer had connections to the countryside). Consequently Perno's and his class's intellectual and professional interests were directed towards feudal problems (he was the most distinguished among the medieval Sicilian feudal jurists). In this essay Perno's work – the *Apostillae* to the *Commentarium* on the *Liber feudorum* of Andrea d'Isernia, preserved in large part in the *apparatus recollectus* of an unknown student and contained in a rare, valuable, and presumed-lost manuscript in the Lawrence, Kansas, University of Kansas Kenneth Spencer Research Library E.259 – will be used to provide evidence for the analysis outlined above.

*Key words:* Nobility, Bourgeois, Legal Profession, Lawrence Kansas Manuscript, Recovered work of Guglielmo Perno.