

Summary

FRANCESCA BOCCHI, ROSA SMURRA (University of Bologna), Bologna and its porticoes: a thousand years' pursuit of the "common good"

Medieval cities featured porticoes, especially in market areas; however, many porticoes disappeared over time. This paper deals with the emergence and continuity of Bologna porticoes underlining the property law system which supported the continuity and maintenance of Bolognese porticoes. While describing the structure of the medieval wooden portico and its evolution, the article also illustrates the phases of urban development and the political, social and economic factors which determined such a continuance of Bolognese porticoes.