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Fourtsev R.V. Diplomatic service within the system of government of Venice republic in the epoch of late Medieval period

Republic of Venice during the whole of its existence was noted for amazing durability of social institutions. Smoothly functioning system of government and an active foreign policy, where the main role was played by a well-organized diplomatic service, made the republic one of the leading states of the European Renaissance. It was quite on forces to lead the unification of Italy. The article discusses the principles, mechanisms, and the peculiarities of the Venetian diplomatic service of the late Middle Ages, the criteria of professional ethics, which were supposed to conform to the Venetian ambassadors, and shows the role of secret diplomacy in the implementation of foreign policy activities.

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