

# Riflessioni di uno storico del diritto

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## *Reflections of a Legal Historian*

*Abstract:* The need to codify law and customs in territories populated by people speaking different languages is a recurring motif throughout European medieval history. This necessity has been tackled by two different approaches favoring either linguistic mediation or integration under a common dominant language. Each produced substantial and long-lasting effects on legal culture and legal and social relations. We now wonder: what will be the impact of neglecting the methodological and cultural contributions of Italian lawyers and legal historians traditionally passed down through their native language?

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