**Proposal for the 3rd MMHN Conference**

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**Nautical Education in Pre-unification Italy**

From the mid-eighteenth century to today, the nautical institutes of the pre-unification Italian states have contributed to the expansion of technical education and to the construction of a solid nautical education among the resident population of the Mediterranean coasts. A people of seamen have drawn from these schools a valid contribution to the success of our merchant navy all over the world. The seamen of southern Italy and the entire peninsula have been educated in these schools, contributing not only to the success of Italian maritime activities, but also showing the validity of a project linked more than others to the needs of the labour market that considers the sea an important protagonist of the economy, politics, culture and identity of our country. Despite the success of our seamen over this long period of time, the institutes that have sustained this process are still not fully known.

This contribution on technical and nautical education in Italy was initiated with the intent to trace the principal phases of an educational project for seamen in pre-unification Italy, and to map these institutes in various regions highlighting the aspects that have characterized their success, the interaction with the territory, the labour market, the economy and the culture of the maritime provinces. Furthermore, we will try to provide details on the legislative evolution between the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the territorial distribution of the nautical institutes, the curricula adopted in schools, and the modes of financing.

The work is divided into two parts. In the first, more general, Raffaella Salvemini will deal with the differences among the various regions. In particular, she will compare the two regions of Campania and Sicily. In the second part, Maria Sirago will analyse the experience of the nautical schools of Sorrento, destined to leave a mark in the shipping and maritime activities in the ‘Regno delle Due Sicilie’.
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