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THE CONCEPT OF “MODERN STATE” AND ITS POSSIBLE ORIGINS.
A STUDY OF THE TERRITORIAL AND SOCIAL FORMS CREATED
IN THE MEDIEVAL ITALY
(Summary)

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The paper discusses several possible points of origin for the concept of state, emphasized in the works of several of the great medieval philosophers: Marsilius, Bartolus, Dante. I bring arguments in the favor of an objective, law centered study, to clarify certain historiography theories for and against the original birth place of the state. I will discuss the legitimacy of the state, and the origin in the Italian space, possible influences and theories about the intended purpose. Another focus of the research is the legitimacy of power and the legal applicability of canonical and imperial doctrines, and a presentation of the vicariate, territorial sovereignty, and the new man emerging at the turn of the 13th century.

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