This is the first translation into English of a book-length work by Carlo Pisacane. Whilst Pisacane is seen by text books and a number of historians as a key figure in Italy’s struggle for Independence and has been described as one of the most intelligent leaders of the Risorgimento, little exists about him in English.

The Translator’s introduction to the work therefore introduces Pisacane to the English reader, providing biographical details about his life gleaned from letters and Italian works on Pisacane’s contribution to the Risorgimento and Italian political history. The introduction also incorporates a survey of Pisacane’s published work, evidencing the development of Pisacane’s political thinking, culminating in his four volume work *Saggi storici-politici-militari sull'Italia* which was published posthumously in 1858-1860 following Piscane’s martyrdom at the head of the failed Sapri Expedition. *La Rivoluzione*, part of that work, was subsequently published separately.

Finally, the introduction attempts to set the translated work in the context of post-Enlightenment political thought and makes comparisons with political writers such as Bentham, Mill and Marx as well as contrasting Pisacane’s approach with the mainstream nationalist and republican movement in Italy.

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