The Early Venetian Empire

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Introduction

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Introduction

La Serenissima, the Most Serene Republic - Venice. From its humble beginnings as a temporary refuge from Lombardic invasions on the surrounding mainlands, Venice became the famed haven in the Adriatic Sea where righteous doings and a balanced constitution ensured peace, political stability, and economic might. Or so it was said - this perception has often been termed the "myth of Venice" and many of its detractors have since reacted with counter-myths of it as a place rather of power struggles, political deceit and intrigue. As usual, the truth lies somewhere in between - this brief guide points you to some resources (mostly held by NLB) that examines more closely the rise and fall of Venice.

Editorial Notes
Books and texts are often mainstays of resource guides as these provide introductory and comprehensive information on a particular topic. In the creation of this guide, however, effort was also made to recommend resources that are highly accessible, such as, ebooks, journal and newspaper articles, authoritative websites, among others. Please find below a brief write-up of the resource formats, as well as, how to access them.

- Print materials from both the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, as well as, NLB's Public Libraries. Just click on the given links to activate NLB's online catalogue showing availability of the items. Apart for the reference books at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, books recommended in this guide can be reserved online and brought to the library branch of your choice for a small fee of $1.55 (just click on "Reserve this item").

- Journal articles from the library's eResources service (http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg). Most of the recommended journal articles is from Proquest Central is accessible from home. Just click on the given links to be brought to the relevant section of the eResources site. Thereafter, register (if you are new to the service) or log-in (>> click on the Proquest Central) >> conduct a search using the article's title.

- Quick reference resources from various databases available from the library's eResources service (http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg). These resources are accessible from home and contains general information that are often good overviews of given topics. Follow steps given above to access the databases mentioned.

For more detailed information on accessing our print resources and electronic databases, please go to the section on "Accessing the Resources" in this same guide.

Share your links
If you know of any interesting resource not featured in this guide, please share with us! It's easy, just click below :)

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Resources

Quick Facts

The Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Reference Centre, Ancient and Medieval History Online, and Croto Reference (History) databases, all available from your home via our eResources service (http://eresources.nrb.gov.sg), contain articles, maps, pictures, and even primary documents relating the Venetian Empire in its glorious days. Please find below some samples retrieved from these databases.

- Venice
  
  
  Source: The Columbia Encyclopaedia
  Database: Croto Reference
  
  Summary article on the history of Venice. Contains links that lead to more information on key events/personalities (e.g., Dandolo, War of Chioggia). Contains paintings and images of Venice than as well (left side of page).

- Venice
  
  
  Database: Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Reference Centre
  The Encyclopaedia Britannica Online has a good write-up on Venice encompassing current situations, as well as, various historical aspects such as its maritime commerce legacy, traditional industries, and events leading to its rise and decline, among others.

- Dandolo, Enrico (b. ca. 1107–d. 1205)
  
  
  Database: History Database Centre (Ancient and Medieval History Online)
  
  A short summary on Dandolo's achievement.

- Venetian-Genoese Wars
  
  
  Source: Encyclopaedia of Wars, vol. 3.
  Database: History Database Centre (Ancient and Medieval History Online)
  
  Venetian-Genoese wars took place during the periods of (1255-1270), (1291-1299), and (1350-1355).

- Economy and trade in the Middle Ages
  
  
  Database: History Database Centre (Ancient and Medieval History Online)
  
  Furnishes the background to the trading and economic aspects of life in the middle Ages.

- Peace of Venice
  
  
  Database: History Database Centre (Ancient and Medieval History Online)
  
  The original 1177 Peace of Venice treaty document.

Website

- Encyclopaedia Britannica - Venice
  
  
  http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/525296/Venice

  This page in Encyclopaedia Britannica contains information on various aspects of Venice past and present. Check out the video and image link on left sidebar (short video clips on Venice: The Middle Ages and Venice History - you can download them into your computer).

Books

Listed below are various books on Venice that you can find at the libraries, or access from your computer as e-books through our eResources (http://eresources.nrb.gov.sg) service. Click on the links and you will be brought to our online catalogue or eResources page.

- A history of Venice by John Julius Norwich
  
  Call Number: English 945.31 NQR
  ISBN: 0141013634
  

- Venice: Pure city by Peter Ackroyd
  
  Call Number: English 945.311 ACK
  ISBN: 0297031172
  

- Enrico Dandolo & the rise of Venice by Thomas F. Madden
  
  Call Number: R English 945.310492 MAD
  ISBN: 0801873177
  

- Venice reconsidered : The history and civilization of an Italian city-state, 1297-1797 by John Martin and Dennis Romano
  
  Call Number: An ebook from ebay - available via http://eresources.nrb.gov.sg
  ISBN: 0801873086
  

  Written for people who are interested in more critical analyses of the early Venetian Empire. This book is a collection of essays written on myriad research areas such as the realities of republicanism, societal hierarchy, evolution of the political system, in early Venice, among others. Preview available at http://amazon.com.

Journal Articles

Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. The journal articles are from reputable online databases in our eResources service, such as Proquest. Listed below are some samples retrieved from Proquest using the search term of "Venice". You can find more specific search terms such as "League of Cambria" should you be interested in more specific aspects. Read the Introduction section for more information on accessing these articles.

- At the Centre of the Old World: Trade and Manufacturing in Venice and the Venetian Mainland, 1400-1800
  
  Source: Canadian Journal of History, Vol. 42 Issue 3 (Winter 2007); p497-499. 42p
  
  The Venetian government struggled to find the right combination between the two, allowing the rise of rural industries that would complement the trade and manufacturing in the
city of Venice without undercutting Venice's control of international markets and of the most lucrative and technologically advanced forms of manufacturing, yet not stifle competition to the point that technological innovation disappeared and monopolists could run up prices at will.

- Venice Reconsidered: The History and Civilization of an Italian City-State, 1297-1797


Author: Eisenbichler, Konrad
Source: Canadian Journal of History, Vol. 37 Issue 3 (Dec 2002); p517-519. 3p

Presents Eisenbichler reviews "Venice Reconsidered: The History and Civilization of an Italian City-State, 1297-1797" edited by John Martin and Dennis Romano.

Accessing the Resources

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How to access the Print Materials

Introduction
You can search the library catalogue (for physical materials) in the library and from home using either http://catalogue.nlbr.gov.sg or http://libsearchplus.nlb.gov.sg.

To search Lee Kong Chian Reference Library's Holdings
If you wish to search for only materials available in the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, please locate the heading "branch" and click on the relevant branch on the left hand side of the search results page in http://libsearchplus.nlb.gov.sg.

Things to note:
Once you have identified the title that you need, please double check through the following information and write down the necessary info:

i. The "Status" of the item: the item is not available in the library, if the status displayed is "in transit", "in process" or "not ready for loan".

ii. Double check that the item is in Lee Kong Chian Reference Library under "branch".

iii. Write down the Location Code and the Call Number of the item. This helps you to locate the item within Lee Kong Chian Reference Library. Please refer to the table below for more information.

All featured books and periodicals are located at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library.

In each citation, each book and periodical is indicated with a location code and call number for easy reference (e.g.: RSEA 332 ESS). Please refer to the table below to locate the materials.

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How to access the Databases
To begin using databases and other electronic resources at (http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/), you will need use either your NLB membership or online ID (eresources ID). Please note the following conditions:

i. PRs and Foreigners will need to sign up as library members at the public library branches in order to borrow ebooks and access eresources. For information on payment etc, please refer to the "Library Guide" on http://www.nlb.gov.sg

ii. Not all e-resources are accessible from home. Please refer to the access rights stated per resource on the eResources webpage.
Please log in to the eResources portal to use the resources. Materials available in the library's eResources (e.g., articles in specific databases) may come up in your searches in Google, Yahoo, MSN, etc. However, you will NOT be able to access those information if you are not logged in and searching from the eResources portal.

When you face problems registering or logging in, please contact 63323255 or send an email to helpdesk@library.nlb.gov.sg.

If you wish to find information in the databases but are not sure where to begin, or need recommendations on which databases to use, please use the "Ask A Librarian" function or send an email to ref@library.nlb.gov.sg for help. The librarian will get back to you within three working days.