



NELLE TERRE INCOGNITE

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At the same time, negotiations were begun with the sultans and rajahs of the Moluccas, Aceh, and Borneo, to obtain territorial concessions to be used as penal establishments, for the deportation of prisoners, or as commercial outposts, to include Italy in the Far East trade routes.

The book deals extensively with the internal political debate that arose from these initiatives and analyses the contrasting dynamics that arose from the reactions of other European powers with geopolitical interests in the area.

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GBEditoriA, which has always been interested in investigating little-known historical themes, is delighted to publish a volume that, for the first time, comprehensively reconstructs the events of Italian explorations in Southeast Asia and their political and diplomatic consequences.

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