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CORIGLIANO-ROSANO – The new book by **Franco Emilio Carlino** by title: "**The Greek Sila Between History and Feudality. The fiefdoms of its territory**", for the types of **conSenso Iure Loquitur**. A vast overview of the feudal system of Sila Greca which for the Author, Mandariccese by birth and Rossonese by adoption, concludes a journey of historical research lasting 10 years through which the territory of Sila Greca was subjected to an intense reconnaissance research , including photographic, intended to collect almost always through direct observation, a myriad of information necessary to set up a cataloging and narration action from which this book was born, divided into 17 paragraphs or chapters, one for each Fiefdom of the "Sila Greek".

The study, which uses the Preface of **Francesco Filaret**o historian and essayist and dedicated to the late **Giuseppe Savoy**, journalist of the Quotidiano del Sud who died prematurely a few years ago,

allowed the Author to enter, as the title itself says, between the history and feudalism of the place, reconstructing through 17 essays as many micro-stories in each of which it is possible to find a myriad of topics such as simple notes on the Municipality regarding: geography (altitude, borders, surface area, geographical position and location of the village, population density, demography); the origins with the different hypotheses; the toponym with the various beliefs; feudalism (fiefdoms, feudal lords, places, successions); the history of every single village; the archaeological aspects of the territory examined (sites, discoveries); urban planning aspects and the urban fabric; the economy, the architectural, artistic and monumental civil and religious heritage (churches, castles, rural villas, stately buildings, houses, streets, squares) and finally notes on some themes such as Brigandage, the Italian Risorgimento, the Unification of Italy, the Great War, the War of Liberation, emigration and contemporaneity.

Carlino, Corresponding member of the prestigious **Cosentina Academy of Parrhasio, Telesio and Sertorio Quattromani** Partner of **Deputation of Homeland History for Calabria** and component of **Scientific Committee of the Popular University of Rossano** already a few years ago he had published a publication entitled “Historical, artistic and archaeological itineraries of Rossano and its surroundings”, 2018, published by the same publishing house *Senso Iure Loquitur*, with which he began a partial study of the territory of the “Greek Sila”, geographical region of the Lower Ionian Cosentino, «which has always – writes the Author – boasted and preserved a highly respectable artistic, architectural, archaeological and environmental heritage».

Two other publications followed: “Crosia. History and events of a great Duchy – The Mandatoriccio and their Cinque Terre” and “Corigliano Rossano and its Hinterland. Journey between History, Memory and the Arbëreshë World”, 2023, by the House Editrice L. Pellegrini Cosenza, with whom some themes were explored in depth, mainly bringing to light the history of the great Duchy of Crosia and the various villages all steeped in historical and feudal events, all of which, and each one in particular, are capable of exciting the reader.

Today, also in light of some variations that have occurred over time which concerned the entries of San Morello (not included in previous publications) and Corigliano (now a single city with Rossano, which initially was not part of the group of villages of the “Greek Sila” reviewed), Carlino has recovered the story by inserting it in this publication. «The essay *La Sila Greca, Between History and Feudality – The Feuds of its Territory*, – writes the Author in his Introduction – aims to give order above all to what was the feudal history of this territory, sometimes little known because it is present in spurts in a myriad of publications which I obviously took care to delve into further by integrating it with what has already been proposed previously”.

«But the aim – he explains – is also to highlight everything concerning the environmental, economic, anthropological heritage and the peculiarities of the “Greek Sila” at 360 degrees. I considered enhancing the historical resources of our territory as a responsibility to be followed by responses to donate to this land, enclosed between the Crati and the Fiuminicà, characterized by the pleasantness of its green and fertile reliefs, by the abundance and transparency of the waters of its numerous springs, of its many rivers which are witnesses of a thousand-year history, of the Sila slopes which fall until they meet the fertile plains and touch the coast near the Ionian Sea”.

«A unique territory, which since Prehistory has recorded the persistent succession of different civilisations, in particular that of Magna Graecia (8th century BC), whose witnesses were Oenotrians, Greeks, Bruttians, Romans, Visigoths, Byzantines, Lombards, Arabs, Normans, Swabians, Angevins, Aragonese, Spanish, French, Austrians, and an infinite number of feudal lords who governed Baronies, Lordships, Duchies, Marquisates and Principalities to whom the various lands were

enfeoffed, thus forming a multitude of fiefdoms and hamlets, described in the centuries, in their historical, feudal and human events, by quite a few writers who have handed down to us the historical memory of these places”.

«And it should not be overlooked that each civilization has given our territory traces of its presence which is still palpable today through a series of indicators, some of which are very important such as language and tradition. The objective, therefore, is to present a new content that is as complete and better articulated as possible, so that the study can keep together the compendium of the cultural identity and the soul of the various villages narrated as witnesses of a unique and ancient common territory, trying as far as possible to bring the individual communities together not only with their own history and their own land, but also to integrate with the communities of neighboring territories so that from the individual microstories arises the sense of belonging to a broader history that it is not that of its own municipality but that of a community that recognizes itself in the larger territory of the “Greek Sila”.

The volume is accompanied by some representative images of the individual villages, in order to also have a glimpse of what still remains of the architectural, monumental and testimonial richness, useful for offering all the fundamental information on the historical and feudal past of the place.

«The intention – concludes the Author – remains that those who have this publication in their hands can immerse themselves in reading in order to get even closer to their origins by broadening the horizon of their knowledge and history».

All we can do is wish you a good read, because this will surely be one of those texts that cannot fail to enter our homes, to make us more aware, more proud and less ochoiphobic towards our rich territory and its history.