



UNIONE EUROPEA



REPUBBLICA ITALIANA



REGIONE AUTÒNOMA DE SARDIGNA
REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA

The Castle della Fava

Patrimonio culturale
SARDEGNA Virtual Archaeology



■ Civita and Orosei

The Castello della Fava played a key role in controlling a sparsely populated area, but which possessed great economic resources. In fact, during the Giudicato Age, Posada was located exactly halfway between the two most important settlements of Gallura, which functioned as a pole of attraction both from a political-economic and from a religious point of view: *Civita* to the north and *Orosei* in the south.

Civita, built on the same site of the Punic and Roman Age settlement (Olbia), is documented after the year one thousand as the capital of Gallura (figs. 1-2). Between the end of the thirteenth and the early fourteenth centuries, the village was called *Terranova* (fig. 3), while the name *Civita* remained circumscribed to the religious organisation of the territory.

The city centre of *Orosei*, of Roman origin but founded on pre-existing Nuraghic Age structures, saw a significant development during the twelfth century when it was the seat of the curia of the Giudicato of Gallura and was connected with the important diocese of Galtelli.



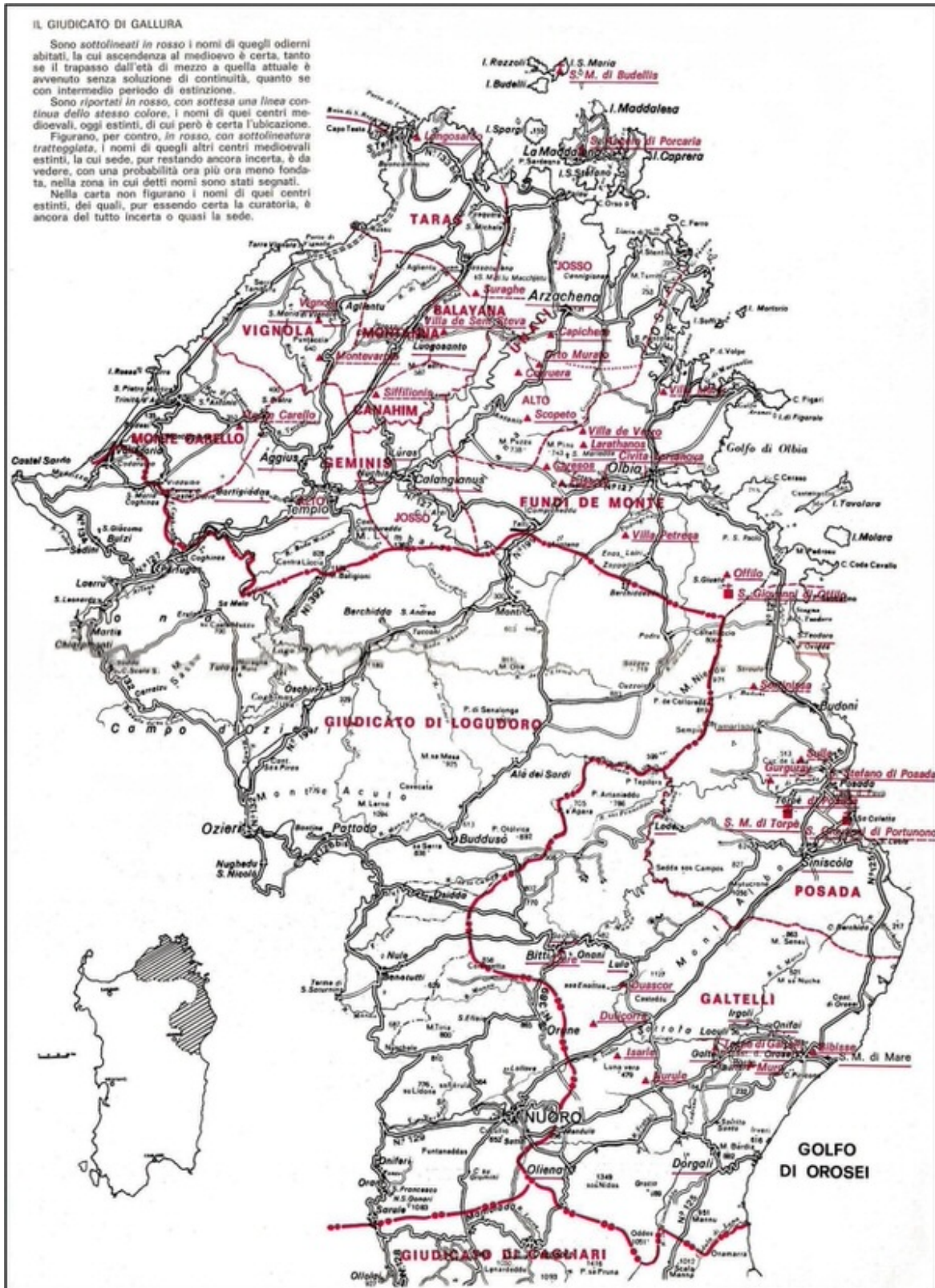


Fig. 1 - The Giudicato of Gallura, according to the reconstruction by Dionigi Panedda (from PANEDDA 1978, pp. 554-555).

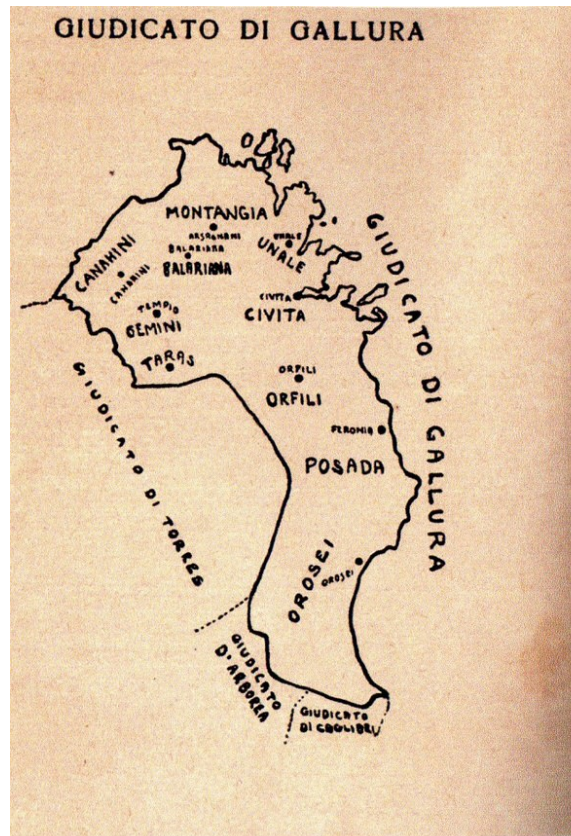


Fig. 2 - Map of the Giudicato of Gallura (from CARTA RASPI 1935).

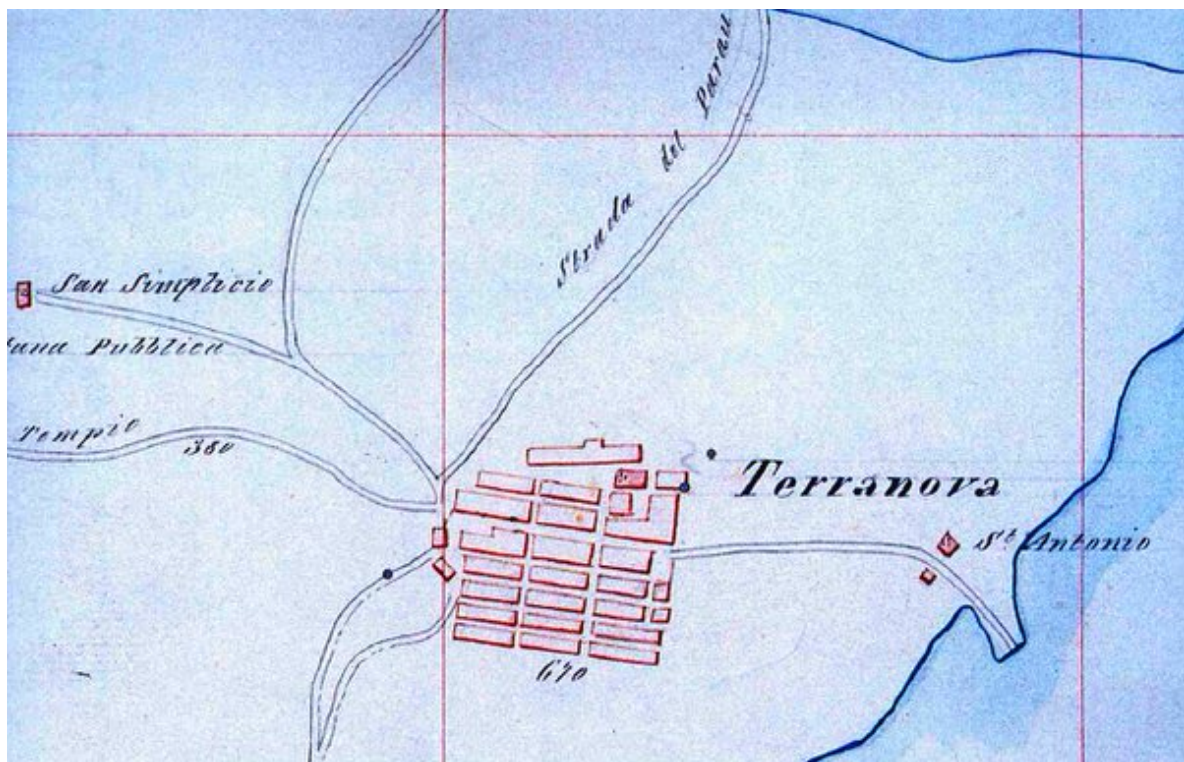


Fig. 3 - The plan of Terranova in the late nineteenth century still reflects Pisa's original structure (from CADINU 1999, fig. 8).

■ Credits

Coordination Prof. Rossana Martorelli

Deepening card edited by Dr. Maria Grazia Arru and Dr. Enrico Dirminti

■ Bibliography

CADINU 1999 = M. CADINU, *Il progetto della città nella Sardegna medievale*, in G. Mura, A. Sanna, *Paesi e Città della Sardegna, II, Le città*, Cagliari 1999, pp. 91-101.

CARTA RASPI 1935 = R. CARTA RASPI, *La Sardegna nell'Alto Medioevo*, Cagliari 1935.

CASTELLACCIO 2004 = A. CASTELLACCIO, *Olbia nel Medioevo. Aspetti politico-istituzionali*, in G. MELONI, P.F. SIMBULA, *Da Olbia ad Olbia: 2500 anni di storia di una città mediterranea*, Sassari 2004, pp. 33-70.

PANEDDA 1978 = D. PANEDDA, *Il Giudicato di Gallura. Curatorie e centri abitati*, Sassari 1978.

ZEDDA 2003 = C. ZEDDA, *Le città della Gallura Medioevale. Commercio, società e istituzioni, Ricerche storiche*, 4, Cagliari 2003.



UNIONE EUROPEA



REPUBBLICA ITALIANA



REGIONE AUTÒNOMA DE SARDIGNA
REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA

La Sardegna cresce con l'Europa



UNIONE EUROPEA

Progetto cofinanziato dall'Unione Europea
Programma Operativo FESR 2007-2013

FESR - Fondo Europeo di Sviluppo Regionale - Asse I, Linea di Attività 1.2.3.a