Review of Venice’s Most Loyal City: Civic Identity in Renaissance Brescia

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Menegon masterfully traces the history of localization of Catholicism in Fuan, China, from its Dominican roots in the 1630s to the present. Dominican prohibitions against ancestral rituals and their admission of women to the Third Order challenged the two central patriarchal institutions. The Fujian clergy and beatas led the community of the religion of the Lord of Heaven to resist suppression until their religious norms and praxis became "embedded in lineages and villages, sharing space with other religious traditions" (38).

The first four chapters describe the process of localization. In 1632, a group of Fuan literati, who had studied with Jesuit Giulio Aleni, invited friars including Angelo Cocchi, based in the Dominican Province of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Manila to Fuan.