

Marco Brusa, A look at Egon Corti's library before and after its transport to Italy. With an appendix: Egon Corti's character according to his self-concept

Abstract: Among scholars, Egon Corti (1886–1953) is known for his historical and biographical publications and his participation in the „Anschluss of Austrian authors“. Descending from the Austrian branch of an Italian noble family, he bequeathed his private library of over 20,000 volumes to the University of Pavia. This paper deals extensively with the two-year period during which his last will was contested until the books were transported from Vienna to Italy. Today there are probably 10,000 volumes of his collection kept in Pavia, dispersed throughout the university's holdings. Special attention is given to items mentioned in contemporary sources. As an aside it is shown how the university was more interested over the years in making use of the books than in keeping historical collections intact.

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