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*Depicting the city, depicting the empire. Fifteenth century representations of Venice and the Venetian terraferma.*

The fifteenth century was a period of expansionism for Venice. This was especially evident on the Italian mainland, where in little over a hundred years (1381-1509) Venice acquired a large territory, called the terraferma. My project focuses on the fifteenth century representations, both textual and visual, of the city of Venice and the Venetian terraferma. The aim of the project is to establish whether the political formation of an empire also had its effects on the formation of a common identity.