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Education, Freedom and Human Rights

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This paper aims to outline the link between education and freedom in a human rights perspective through the exemplary figure of Kristaq Stratti. Graduated from the prestigious University of Turin in 1928 with a dissertation entitled “Political Representation in Albania”, Kristaq Stratti fought for greater civic participation to institutional life and was one of the first to emphasise the moral question in Albanian politics since the 1930s when he was Mayor of Vlorë, before being persecuted under the dictatorship of Enver Hoxha. His research is today of the greatest interest not just for its topic – in the 1920s, political participation was a greatly discussed argument in the young Albanian nation and a particularly “delicate” issue in Italy – but also and most of all for the historical importance that associates the life of Kristaq Stratti to the tragic events of both countries, Italy and Albania.

Key words: Albania, Enver Hoxha, communist dictatorship, persecution, Italy, democracy

Political Representation in Albania

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Compiled by Kristaq Stratti in the second half of the 1920s, "Political Representation in Albania" returns to the light after almost a century of oblivion and for the first time in the English translation. Presented to the Law department of the Royal University of Turin in 1928, Kristaq Stratti's dissertation argues the advantages and disadvantages of the new electoral system introduced in Albania with the law of the year 1925 and is divided into four sections: (1) political representation in Albania from the Ancient Times, in the Middle Ages and in Modern Times; (2) contemporary political representation in Albania and the state organisation; (3) the Albanian electoral law analysed in detail with particular attention to women's right to vote, electoral system, single-member constituency, list voting, proportional representation, number of districts and deputies, voters, electoral capacity, eligibility to deputy, electoral areas and formation of lists, candidatures, election of secondary voters, election of deputies, judgement on elections, compensation of deputies, electoral felonies; (4) the full English translation of the "Law for the Election of the Chamber of Deputies" approved in 1925.

Key words: Albania, representation, democracy, universal suffrage, women's rights