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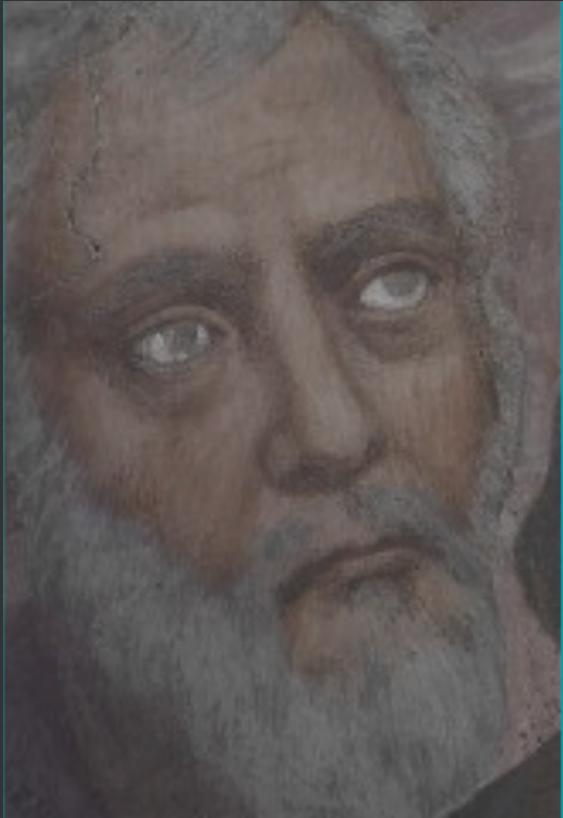
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Digital Scholarly Edition of Benedetto Varchi's Storia Fiorentina

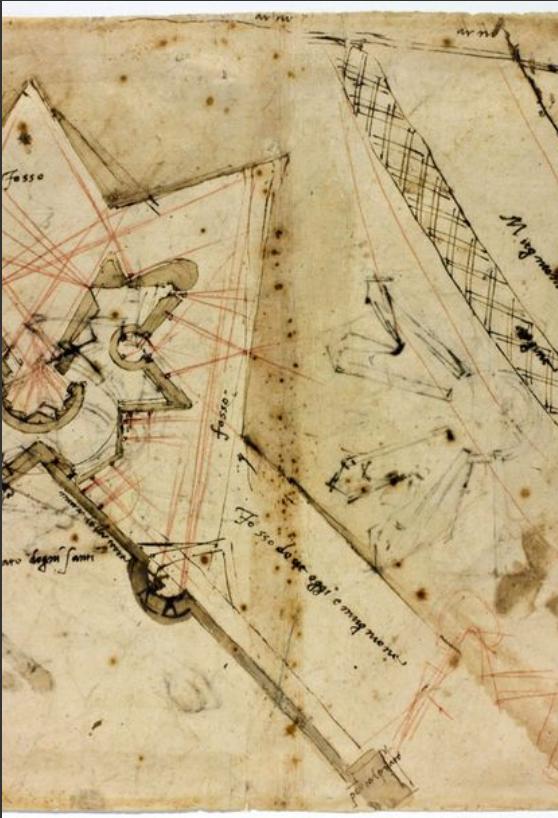
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Benedetto Varchi (Florence, 1503-1565)



Poet, philosopher,
historian



Former supporter of the
last Florentine Republic
(1527-30)

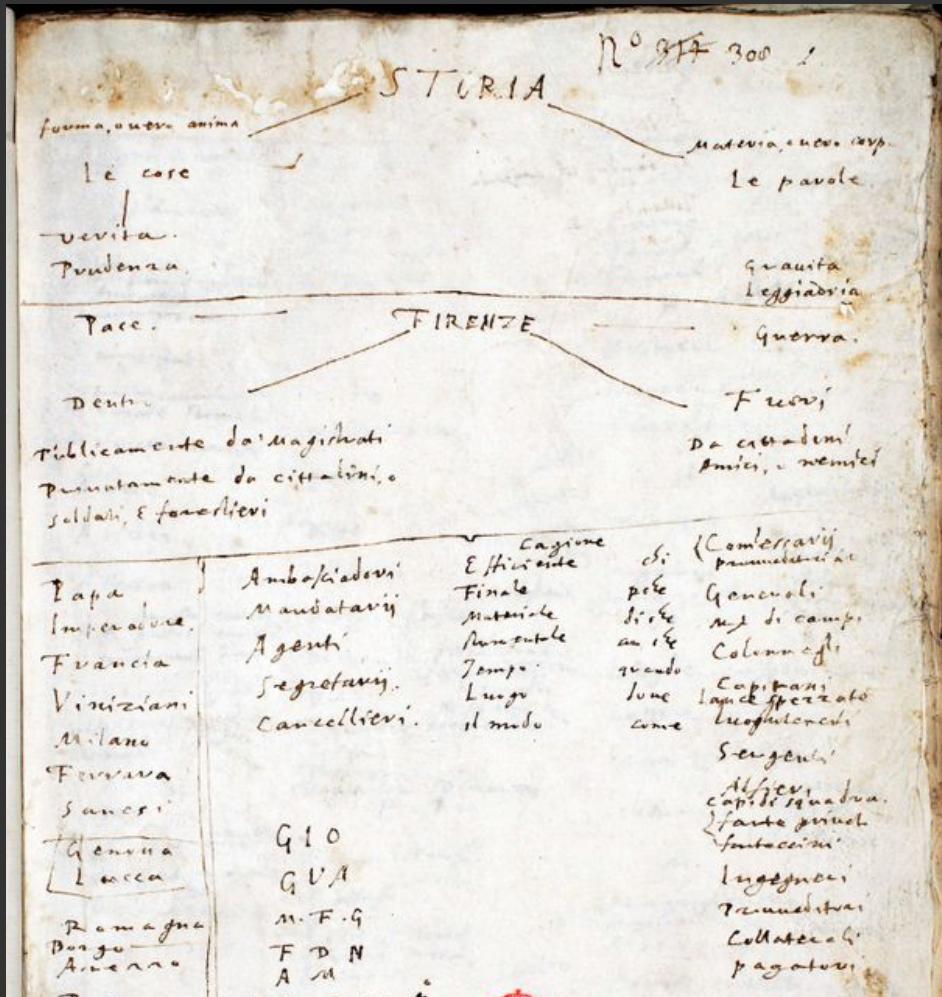


In exile (1537-43), was
then pardoned by duke
Cosimo de' Medici



Appointed as the official
historian of Florence in
1548

The Storia fiorentina



- Started in 1548
- Included events up to 1537
- Left unfinished at Varchi's death (1565)
- Remained unpublished until 1721
- Initial plan: events between 1527 and 1530

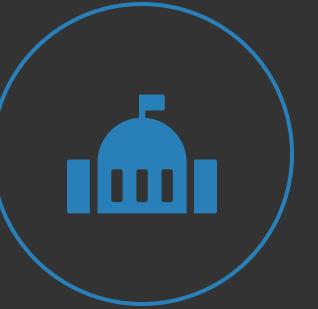
The Storia



Divided into 16 books (original plan included 12)



1/3 of the work (Bks 10-12) focus on the events from 1530 (Siege of Florence)



Book 9 includes a very detailed description of Florence



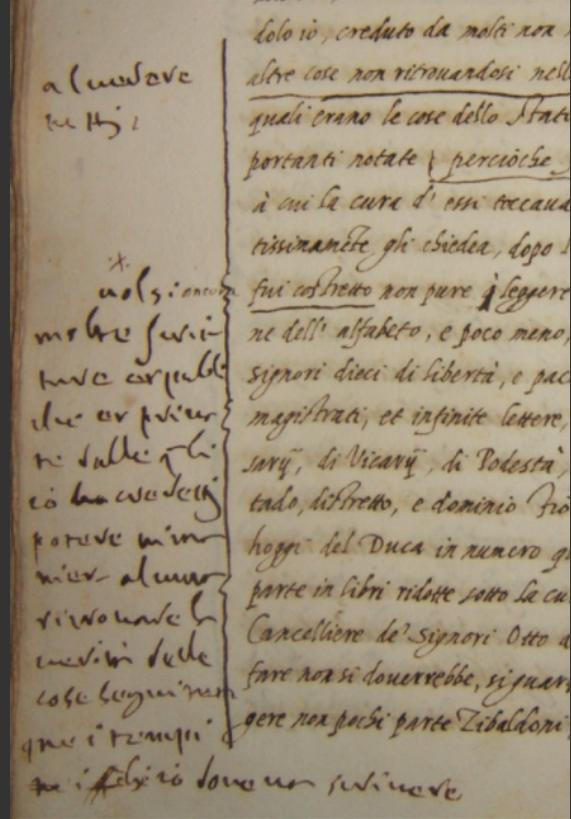
Storia fiorentina: production, revision, circulation



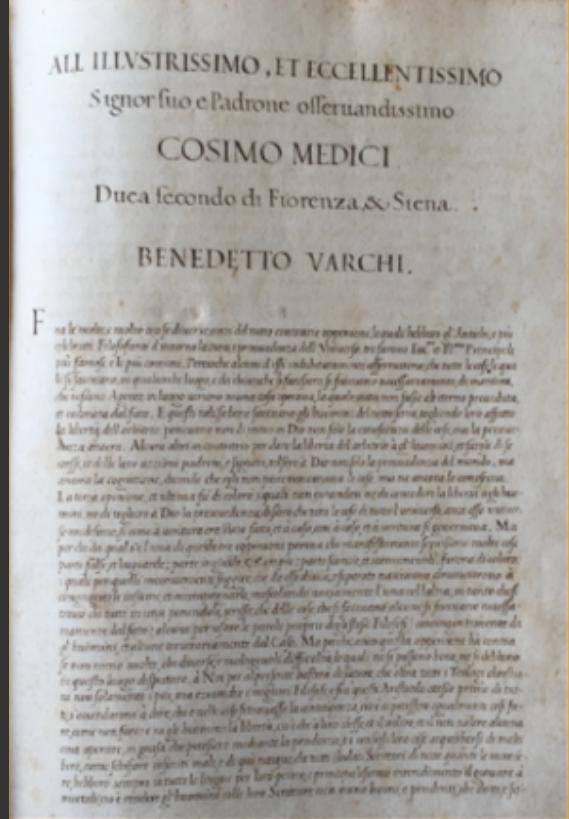
Burdensome amount of preparatory materials



Authorial materials revised by Cosimo and Baccio Baldini



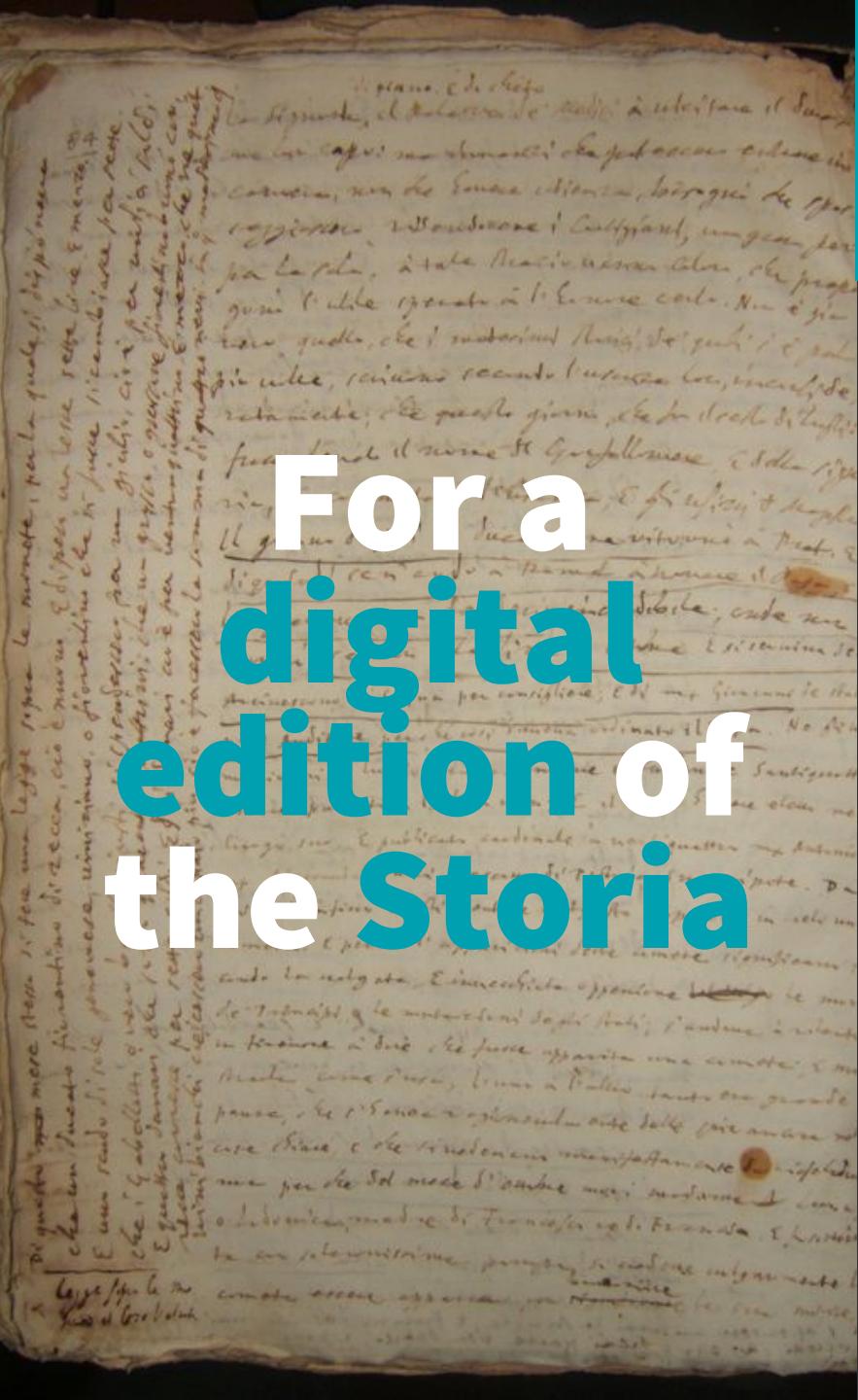
Typologies of revision:
Censorship / summary



The Cosimo/Baldini “edition” circulated widely in ms. version

Fa le molte male trasficio scritte del tutto cominciare appena il mondo habbia d' Andrea più celebre. Ed allora d' intreto latrone e predonchio del Vicentino, in forma faccia e faccio le più famosi, e le più grosse. Perche alcun di tali crederezzarne altramente che non le cogliano gli sfigli suoi, o qualsivoglia luogo colo dovesce lo staranno. E perche assai di tali crederezzarne altramente che non siano le cose dello Stato portanti rotante e perciò che à cui le cose d' essi toccaua risuonarie gli bieder, dopo s' fu costrutto non pure à leggere ne dell' affatto, e poco meno, signori dieci di libertà, e paci magistrati, et infinite letere, servj, li Vicarij, li Polestaj, tado, libretto, e dominio Pio hoggi del Duca in numero grande in libri rilote sotto la cui cancellione de signori Otto a fare non si doverrebbe, signore non paci parte Tiberiori ma i filii d' io dove un sivincere.

For a digital edition of the Storia



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Manuscripts revised by
Baldini and Cosimo



Map of Florence



Timeline 1527-1530



Facts and People