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This project aims to analyse the process through which the crown appoints, permanent and systematically, literate magistrates (*juizes de fora*) to the most important municipalities of the kingdom of Portugal, during a chronological hiatus that corresponds roughly to the 16th century.

The detailed explanation of this process, including the number of the human resources involved therein, will contribute to the understanding of one of the pillars of the construction of the Modern State.

In effect, the extension of the crown's judicial apparatus (in size and complexity) implies an irrevocable loss in autonomy for the local communities.

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