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ALESSANDRA **ALOISI**

DESIRE AND ADDICTION

A STUDY ON LEOPARDI'S THOUGHT

What does it mean to give a philosophical scope to the thought of an author who, like Leopardi, never wrote a work of philosophy in the strict sense? By the defining of two concepts, desire and addiction, this book aims to to show how Leopardi is a part to the great philosophical tradition of Europe. Once identified the background that connects him to the great French and European thinkers of his time, the author proceed to explore how, in the possible answers

Is Giacomo Leopardi a philosopher? An essay on Leopardi's key concepts attempts to answer this question.

to certain questions, Leopardi seems to have gone further and reached **the most** radical positions.

If desire is in itself essentially positive, then addiction appears as a vital force with a double valence, negative and positive at the same time, capable in some cases of increasing the productivity of desire itself.

New edition of the volume published in 2014.

KEY POINTS

- · A philosophical interpretation of Giacomo Leopardi's thought
- · A proposal for the reading of the greatest Italian poet as a part of the European Philosophy
- · An analysis of the main concepts of Leopardi's poetics: desire and addiction

Alessandra Aloisi

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PHILOSOPHY



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ELENA TAVANI

IMAGE AND MIMESIS

ART, TECHNIQUE AND AESTHETICS BY THEODOR ADORNO

According to most of the critical commentary on Theodor Adorno, the philosopher is still associated to fragmentation and loss experience and his aesthetic theory defined in terms of art theory, often coupled with modernist issues. However, Elena Tavani argues that the key to properly understand either the very core of his aesthetic theory or the scope of Adorno's critical theory as a practice is an elemental interlacement: that of the 'aesthetic', the 'non-identical' and the nat-

An original interpretation of Adorno's aesthetics founded on the enhancement of natural beauty

ural (beauty). A plexus which directs both thinking, cultural actions and works of art to a 'mimetic' approach to things and situations as a **pivotal 'ecological' strategy** in critical interpretive and artistic practices. In this provocative and highly original interpretation of Adorno's Aesthetics, the author offers close readings of significant works, discussing them in relationship to other contributions to aesthetics by thinkers such as Hegel, Kant, Benjamin, Heidegger, as well as issues of mimesis and image-making.

KEY POINTS

- · The author proposes an ecological strategy for interpreting Adorno's aesthetics
- The book's focus is on the enhancement of natural beauty in the theory of one of the founders of the Frankfurt School.
- · Close readings of Adorno's most significant works

Elena Tavani

Full professor of Aesthetics at the University of Naples "L'Orientale" (Italy). Elena Tavani's research revolves around Philosophical Aesthetics, Critical Theory, Continental Philosophy, Aesthetics and Politics, Image Theories, Iconology, Installation art Aesthetics.

PHILOSOPHY



PAGES: 388

ALFREDO **FERRARIN**

A WORLD NOT OF THIS WORLD

THE REALITY OF IMAGES AND IMAGINATION

What do we mean by imagination? How do we distinguish the kinds of images we are talking about?

And what is the **relationship between image and word**? Is there a cognitive function in imagination?

Can imagination be reduced to a purely theoretical faculty, resolved in a mental and private sphere, ignoring its practical, intersubjective, affective aspects?

To such conceptual questions this book seeks a systematic and comprehensive answer.

What do we mean by imagination?
A book to reflect on the power of imagination and images.

Questioning many commonplaces about imagination and images, the volume reflects on the duplicity inherent in every image, on the criteria for distinguishing natural, artificial, mental, and mnestic images, and then dwells on what is imagination, fiction, play, and attempts to understand how our mind moves to distinguish between reality and nonreality.

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KEY POINTS

- The author reflects on the relationship between imagination, images, and the world we live in
- · A text for understanding how the mind moves to distinguish between reality and non-reality.
- · A philosophical essay that challenges many clichés about imagination and imagery.

Alfredo Ferrarin

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DANILO MANCA

HEGEL, HUSSERL AND THE LANGUAGE OF PHILOSOPHY

This volume interrogates the troubled search for an appropriate language for philosophy, drawing upon the reflections of Hegel and Husserl as its main thread. What are the limitations and possibilities of formalized language research? Can the flexibility of ordinary language be harnessed to serve the purposes of philosophical discourse?

In the present study, questions such as these facilitate a **theoretical confrontation between Hegel and Husserl** by considering the filters that

To what extent can language be considered an expression of thought? The author answers this question with the help of Hegel and Husserl.

determined their disparate conceptions of objectivity in thinking (Bolzano, Lotze, Natorp), engaging with their respective exponents. The study also engages with the **linguistic turn**, encompassing figures from the classical tradition such as Frege and Wittgenstein to the most recent, including Brandom. It does so in order to question the very nature of **philosophy** as a **literary genre**, reflecting on its communicative capacity and outlining **models of the ideal reader**.

KEY POINTS

- · The author reflects on the language of philosophy by drawing upon Hegel and Husserl
- · Philosophy is seen as a literary genre.
- \cdot The author focuses on the relationship between language and reason.

Danilo Manca

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CECILIA MURATORI

"THE FIRST GERMAN PHILOSOPHER"

THE MYSTICISM OF JAKOB BÖHME IN HEGEL'S INTERPRETATION

Hegel called Jakob Böhme "the first German philosopher." Böhme is uncultivated and barbaric, but also **profound and violent**. He created his own philosophical language to express the relationship between the divine and evil.

This study explains why Hegel was interested in Böhme's mystical philosophy. It looks at the historical context, different ideas about mysticism in Hegel's writings, and how other famous readers of Böhme, including Schelling, approached it. In the Lectures on the History of Philosophy,

A study on Hegel's interest in the philosophy of Jakob Böhme.

Böhme is compared to Ariel, who in Shakespeare's *The Tempest* is locked up in a gnarled oak tree until he is freed by the magician Prospero. In this case, the magician is Hegel, who has come to liberate Böhmian thought from its own limitations and from the oak tree of prejudices in which it has been locked up.

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KEY POINTS

- · Hegel calls Böhme "The first German philosopher"
- · Hegel's interpretation discovers Böhme profoundly mystical philosophy
- · This essay explains how Böhme's idea of the divine and evil is relevant.

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PHILOSOPHY



PAGES: 260

SIMONE D'AGOSTINO

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AND EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY

BACON, DESCARTES, SPINOZA

In his book Spiritual Exercises and Ancient Philosophy (1981), Pierre Hadot says that the original purpose of philosophy—helping people live and see the world in a new way—is lost with the advent of modernity. Philosophy becomes more theoretical and takes on a system-like form. However, Hadot sees some examples of the original aspect of philosophy in modernity. Michel Foucault says that between the late 16th and early 17th centuries, the idea of reforming the intellect shows that asceticism and truth were still linked.

Philosophy as a spiritual exercise is a modern concept that comes from the ancients

This book develops the idea by analyzing the most representative works of the reform of the intellect in the early modern age. Bacon's *Novum Organum* (1620), Descartes' *Discourse on Method* (1637), and Spinoza's *Tractatus de Intellectus Emendatione* (1677). This analysis shows that these modern works are **part of the original vision of philosophy as a spiritual exercise** and way of life. When read in context, the method questioned in these works makes more sense. They show how to access truth and become your best self.

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KEY POINTS

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Following Hadot and Foucault, the author focuses on philosophy as a spiritual exercise
- · The book explores the connection between asceticism and truth
- Modern sources like Bacon, Descartes, and Spinoza's works are investigated to explore their connection to ancient texts

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PIERANDREA AMATO

PHILOSOPHY OF THE SUBSOIL

HYPOTHESES ON THE LATE FOUCAULT

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Michel Foucault (1926-1984) looked at the problems of current events in a survey of ancient ethics. He saw that the ideas from the past can help us fight against a government that seems to have no opposition. It's about uncovering hidden lives, texts, and documents from the past. This volume speculates that, in his last years, Foucault tested ways of being a subject that could avoid the control of the contemporary condition, even freedom. This volume documents that in Foucault, an un-

Can we navigate today's problems with ancient ethics? Amato answers by reading Foucault.

suspected vocabulary is organized to **navigate the present catastrophe**. It handles themes and names such as parresia, ancient cynicism, aesthetics of existence, desire, self-care, pleasure, asceticism, Aristotle, Deleuze, Hadot, Heidegger, Kant, Nietzsche, Plato.

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KEY POINTS

- · A survey on Foucault's late philosophy
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ An exploration of Foucault's interest in ancient ethics

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FABRIZIO **AMERINI**

THOMAS AQUINAS AND INTENTIONALITY

Aquinas' theory of knowledge is one of the most controversial parts of his philosophy. Even recently, different interpretations have been suggested. Thomas has been presented as a representationalist, an internalist, or a direct realist. This book looks at the current debate again through a new way of understanding Thomas Aquinas' theory of knowledge. What makes our thoughts about things intentional? Is this a basic or learned trait? How are mental states connected to other mental states and to the outside

A presentation of the most contentious theory of knowledge in Medieval philosophy

world? How is what we know about something fixed? What does our knowing add to what we know? Finally, how should we describe our knowing? As a quality, a relation, or an action?

The book shows that Thomas's ideas about human knowledge lead to new ways of understanding the ideas in the literature. The book offers a new way to reconcile them.

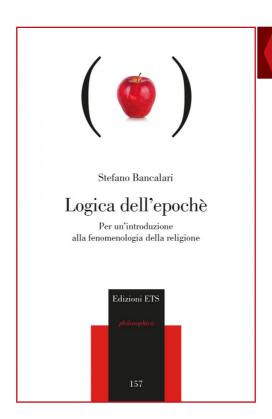
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KEY POINTS

- · A survey on Thomas Aquinas theory of knowledge
- The author demonstrates that Aquinas's gnoseology informs and influences his ideas as expressed in literary form.

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STEFANO **BANCALARI**

LOGIC OF THE EPOCHÈ

FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

If the Husserlian method is taken seriously, the conventional answer-description and classification of religious phenomena is no longer tenable. This is because every answer, every convention, and every belief must first be suspended.

When subjected to this level of scrutiny, the phenomenology of religion emerges as an intrinsic aspect of phenomenology itself, prompting the latter to embrace a remarkable consistency—from its earliest manifestations to its most recent developments, from the most celebrated think-

What is the phenomenology of religion?

The author reexamines the question of the existence of God from a contemporary perspective.

ers to those less frequently studied—in addressing a fundamental, unifying question: the very question of the philosophy of religion and the epochal movement of modernity from which the latter emerges. In this sense, the phenomenology of religion represents the advent of an epoch that may be designated as the epochè epoch. This is the epoch in which the question of God can no longer be posed in terms of the general thesis of existence.

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KEY POINTS

- · Philosophy of religion is interpreted as a branch of phenomenology
- · This argument allows to reexamine the question of the existence of God

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ALFONSO MAURIZIO IACONO

FEAR AND WONDER

PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY IN THE 18TH CENTURY

The essays collected here examine the role of fear and wonder as conceptualized within the context of 18th-century philosophical histories. These theories prepared critiques of beliefs and testimonies, proposed conjectures where facts could not provide interpretations, and applied comparisons where the assumption of the equality of human nature intersected with and conflated the diversity among peoples and men. In this regard, those who wrote philosophical histories in the 18th century exhibited

How have fear and wonder influenced modernity? The author gives a philosophical answer to this question.

a tendency to oscillate between intellectual unscrupulousness and cultural-historical bias. Nevertheless, the intellectual and philosophical unscrupulousness that characterizes his thought coexists with a devaluing and pessimistic conception of the other. However, perhaps it is precisely such peculiar coexistences that offer the opportunity to revisit that era that was so pivotal in Western thought and, despite everything, remains so relevant, namely the Enlightenment.

KEY POINTS

- · A fruitful analysis of the cultural bias affecting history of philosophy in modernity
- · A new work by an author who has been translated into numerous languages across the globe.

Alfonso Maurizio Iacono

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His *oeuvre* has been translated into English, Spanish, and French and has achieved international renown.



NICOLA PERULLO

CORSAIR GASTRONOMIC WRITINGS

AND OTHER ESSAYS ON FOOD CONSCIOUSNESS.

In the age of absolute gastro-gentrification, when food, omnipresent for the senses (especially sight), is in danger of disappearing for the senses, it is necessary to reaffirm its crucial importance. Not as a souvenir or even as an object of study, but as a true embodied philosophy. Food as a mean of refining a new ecological and perceptual model of consciousness. This book consists of a series of short, militant writings; battle-hardened, unconven-

Food as a tool for a new model based on ecology and aesthetics.

tional instruments of critique of the dominant culture on food, and therefore "privateering," complemented by other in-depth essays revolving around issues of taste, criticism, cooking, and wine as art. The work grew out of a threefold need: to free gastronomy from its media-journalistic flattening, its bourgeois hegemonization, and the philosophical theorizing that forgets the practices in which it takes place.

KEY POINTS

- · Food is considered as an aesthetic object
- · Its crucial importance is riaffirmed against its overtheorization

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MADDALENA **BORSATO**

SWEETNESS

AN AESTHETIC RELATIONSHIP

This book - the first philosophical monograph devoted to the subject - deals with the concept of sweetness in its sensitive, symbolic, and cultural complexity, interpreted according to the approach of relational aesthetics. Sweet taste thus appears in its perceptual and expressive richness, irreducible to any naturalistic or culturalistic simplification.

The ontology of sweetness fades into its efficacy: pleasure and numbness, nausea and desire, materiality and metaphor.

The first philosophical monograph devoted to sweetness as an aesthetic object.

The philosopher, but also the gourmet or the simple lover of sweets, will be able to rediscover in these pages the complexities, but also the ambiguities and potentialities of the (only) apparently simplest taste.

KEY POINTS

- · Sweet taste is here considered in its perceptual richness
- · The philosophical relationship we have with taste is revealed in the analysis of sweetness.

Maddalena Borsato

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SARA **BIGNOTTI**

WHAT THE BOOK MEANS

PHILOSOPHY AND LANGUAGES OF MARKETING IN PUBLISHING

The law of numbers leaves no hope for the publisher's craft, unless it is supplemented by other principles, such as the uniqueness, beauty, and rightness of each book he or she chooses to print. As the history of modern publishing shows, the most precise calculations and the best strategies are not enough for lasting success, which depends on an alchemy of materials, ideas, people, and places in which the meaning of the book as a concrete, spiritual, and

What motivates someone to publish a new title and believe that it will be successful?

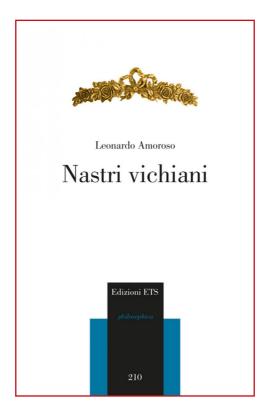
intellectual object is manifested. The destiny of the book lies in a long-term planning - typographic, editorial, commercial - from the conception of the "project" to the "launch" in the channels of traditional and post-media communication, promotion and distribution, to the encounter with the last unexpected reader. An invitation to rethink the definition of editorial marketing, its processes, its names, its languages.

KEY POINTS

- · An examination of aspects of the book industry to understand its fundamental directions
- · An invitation to re-think the processes of editorial marketing

Sara Bignotti

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YEAR: 2018 (second edition)

LEONARDO AMOROSO VICHIAN RIBBONS

Giambattista Vico is the constant "chief" of the ribbons - to use his own metaphor - that these essays represent. Instead, the other "chiefs" and tertium comparationis change: Descartes and autobiography, Spinoza and hermeneutics, Baumgarten and aesthetics, Kant and common sense, Heidegger and metaphysics.

This second edition has not only been thoroughly revised and updated, but also enriched with a new essay (the second).

A collection of philosophical essays on Giambattista Vico and his "sparring partners" through the history of philosophy

KEY POINTS

- One of the most famous experts on Giambattista Vico's thought explores the "ties" that bind his philosophy to other influential theorists.
- Vico's works are closely read with Descartes, Kant, Baumgarten, Spinoza, Heidegger.

Leonardo Amoroso

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ADRIANO **FABRIS**

ETHICS OF EATING

FOOD AND RELATION

The ethics of eating are not those who drive miles to reach a Slow Food presidium or those who are content to gorge on fast-food sandwiches. Nor is it the behavior of those who ban certain foods or fetishize certain food sources, such as animal rights activists, vegetarians, and vegans. Rather, it is the attitude of those who know that to eat is to put ourselves in relationship with all that can nourish us: a respectful, balanced relationship that

How can a good relationship with food be concretely established? This book tells us.

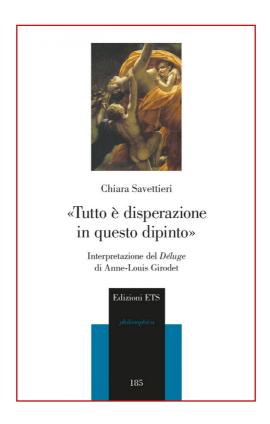
takes into account the multiple interconnections in which every living thing is involved. It is the action of a person who understands that what needs to be regulated is the desire to eat, not the need to eat.

KEY POINTS

- In this book, food is seen as a key element for the philosophical analysis of relations between humans
- Food can help us in building balanced relationships with other human beings

Adriano Fabris

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CHIARA SAVETTIERI

"EVERYTHING IN THIS PAINTING IS DESPAIR"

AN INTERPRETATION OF DÉLUGE BY ANNE-LOUIS GIRODET

"Everything in this painting is despair": this is how an anonymous reviewer described Anne-Louis Girodet's *Scène d'un Déluge*. It displays an "extreme" subject that causes a scandal and arouses the disapproval of a significant part of the public, which is forced to look back in front of the canvas: a painting that is defined as unobservable, terrible, desperate, far-fetched, excessive, virtuosic; it is accused of having destroyed ideal beauty, of having broken what is legit in painting.

A comprehensive interpretation of Girodet's Déluge and its existential meaning

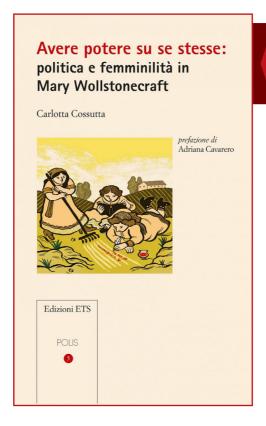
Through a close reading of the sources and reviews of the work, and in the light of the historical and philosophical context of the late 18th century, the author proposes a comprehensive interpretation of the work, coming to define, on the one hand, the existential meaning of the canvas, deeply linked to the tragic vision of a godless humanity in an adverse nature and history, and, on the other hand, its aesthetic message: the *Déluge* is in fact a true manifesto against the limits that Gotthold Ephraim Lessing imposed on the visual arts in his famous *Laocoon* (1766). A bold statement, then, for the freedom of art to embrace and express the evil of the human condition.

KEY POINTS

- Through a close reading of sources and reviews, the author defines the existential significance of $Girodet's\ D\'eluge$
- The painting presents a tragic vision of a godless humanity and argues for the freedom of art to embrace evil.

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PREFACE ADRIANA CAVARERO

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CARLOTTA COSSUTTA

TO HAVE POWER OVER ONESELF

MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT ON POLITICS AND FEMININITY

Through a careful comparison of texts, from the best known, such as *The Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, to the most ignored, such as the novel *The Wrongs of Woman: or Maria*, this book proposes a new and original interpretation of Mary Wollstonecraft's work. The questions posed to the political thought of the English author are formulated with respect for historical distance, but at the same time they develop in close connection with the more radical debate that characterizes contempo-

A new and original interpretation of Mary Wollstonecraft's works

rary feminist theories. The interplay of temporal distance produces a double gaze, whose lucidity also searches the past for answers to the theoretical questions we are constantly asking today. Mary Wollstonecraft's thought shows, in this reading, that she was able to disrupt the order of oppositions fundamental to political reflection: from the dualism between the domestic sphere and the political space to the opposition between the natural state and the civil condition.

KEY POINTS

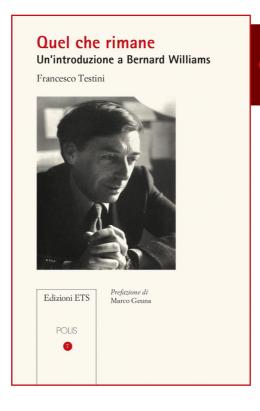
- What does femininity mean? What do the boundaries between public and private mean?

What are the origins of social identities and inequalities?

- Wollstonecraft was able to disrupt the dualisms that are foundational to modern philosophy

Carlotta Cossutta

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PREFACE BY MARCO GEUNA

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FRANCESCO TESTINI

WHAT IS LEFT

AN INTRODUCTION TO BERNARD WILLIAMS

Bernard Williams is widely recognized as one of the most important voices in twentieth-century moral and political philosophy. Yet his thought has rarely been the subject of comprehensive analysis and interpretation. This book seeks to fill that gap. It reconstructs the distinctive and fascinating picture of moral philosophy that emerges. The ideal of ethical objectivity serves as a common thread in this reconstruction. More precisely, the basic question that guides the inquiry is what remains of this

A consideration of Bernard Williams' oeuvre in its entirety

ideal once Williams' critiques of three ideas fundamental to moral philosophy have been sifted out: that of normative theory, that of ethical knowledge, and that of human nature (understood as a possible basis for objective ethical prescriptions). The answer, in the extreme, is "very little". But this does not imply a capitulation to relativism. Rather, the answer implies the need to become aware of the historicity of our values and to re-examine them from a particular perspective, at once historical and philosophical, in order to assess which of them deserve our trust. As this book suggests, Williams, in the last years of his life, offers many useful reflections on these topics.

KEY POINTS

- A comprehensive interpretation of Bernard Williams' works and its own moral philosophy
- A treatise on ethical knowledge, normative theory, and human nature as such

Francesco Testini

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ALESSANDRA FUSSI

TOWARD A THEORY OF SHAME

It is a common experience to feel ashamed when faced with a critical gaze: we feel shrunken, insignificant, and want to hide or even disappear. But it can also happen that we feel ashamed when the wrong people admire us, or when we are alone. Reflecting on the positions of various philosophers (from Aristotle to Sartre, Kant to Scheler, and contemporaries starting with John Rawls, Bernard Williams, and Gabriele Taylor), the book clarifies the role of intersubjectivity and reviews theoretical and

What is the role of others in shame?
The book clarifies the role of inter-subjectivity in this fundamental human emotion

historiographical models that have interpreted shame based on the supposed superiority of guilt as a moral emotion. The theory presented here illuminates the relationship between shame and values relevant to one's identity, and explains how both a critical attitude toward oneself and the impulse to protect aspects of oneself that one wishes to keep private converge in this emotion. Gradually, the difference between shame and other emotions, such as self-deception, embarrassment, and humiliation, is delineated, and the ethical relevance of such phenomena as intrusiveness, tact, exhibitionism, and self-confidence emerges.

KEY POINTS

- A comprehensive overview of philosophical literature on shame
- An interpretation that distinguishes shame from other human emotions and sees shame as relevant to identity

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FABRIZIA **BANDI**

VIRTUAL SPACES

AESTHETIC EXPLORATIONS OF ELECTRONIC AND IMMERSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

Through an in-depth survey of art installations, projects, architectural and theoretical visions, we will try to grasp the progressive change that has invested space.

This will lead us to conceive the "virtual" as a dynamic and interactive space that has become increasingly intertwined with the physical. The study focuses on domestic and urban spaces, two contexts that represent fundamental places of our daily life, where virtualization has had a significant impact.

A philosophical reflection on space from an aesthetic experience, in which the real and the virtual are intertwined.

KEY POINTS

- An analysis on the progressive space that has invested space.
- The virtual is conceived as a dynamic and interactive space, increasingly intertwined with the physical.

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CHIARA MONTALTI

THE (UN)EXPECTED BODY

THE BIRTH CONTROL PILL BETWEEN ALIENATION AND AUTOPOIESIS

The birth control pill seems to be the intersection of opposing instances and the site of their possible recombination: it deconstructs, for example, the concepts of natural and artificial. Its effects are both unexpected and actively sought, and the bodily experience of those who take it reflects this profound ambivalence. On the one hand, it produces an increase in control, a fertile space for greater autonomy, while also representing a way of shaping oneself and engaging in a creative confrontation with one's

Is the pill a foreign body that transforms women without their knowledge, or can it also prove to be a tool for gaining greater autonomy?

femininity. On the other hand, the often unpredictable **side effects** can produce alienation: the alienating feeling of not being authentic, but - at least in part - fabricated. Every woman negotiates her relationship to this contraceptive from time to time

KEY POINTS

- Birth control pill is seen as a way to discuss the ambiguity of natural and artificial
- Its deep ambivalence makes each woman negotiate her relationship with this contraceptive.

Chiara Montalti

Chiara Montalti's research focuses mainly on disability studies, techno-feminisms and philosophical posthumanism. In 2021, she completed a research fellowship with the University of Oslo. In 2021 and 2022 she collaborated with the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies, both in multimedia projects and communication.



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CHIARA MORETTI

THE ILLEGITIMATE PAIN

AN ETHNOGRAPHY OF THE FIBROMYALGIA SYNDROME

This book is based on ethnographic research conducted in a fibromyalgia diagnosis and treatment center located in a public hospital in central Italy. From an anthropological perspective, the author examines the processes of caretaking that take place in a circumscribed clinical space. Fibromyalgia is a chronic pain syndrome that primarily, though not exclusively, affects women's bodies. From a biomedical perspective, its symptomatic progression appears to be untethered from tissue lesions

Exposing the inequality that permeates health issues: an analysis of fibromyalgia

detectable through specific examinations and tests; therefore, the processes of understanding, caring for, and legitimizing the syndrome are incomplete unless they are integrated into a broader social, cultural, and political vision. The proposed anthropological analysis highlights the risks of the delegitimization of pain that fibromyalgia tends to promote by re-proposing the somatic simulacrum of a historical assimilation between the female body, inadequacy and dissatisfaction. Tensions, contradictions, and connivances emerge between people and institutions, and between moral and social discourses that inform biomedical practices and underlie the multiple expressions of suffering.

KEY POINTS

- Based on ethnographic research conducted in an Italian hospital, the book examines the processes of caretaking for women suffering from fibromyalgia.
- The author warns against the risks of the delegitimization of pain and from its social consequences

Chiara Moretti

Chiara Moretti holds a PhD in Sociology and Human Sciences from the University of Strasbourg, in collaboration with the University of Perugia. She has worked for many years in the field of medical anthropology, focusing on complex chronic pain conditions, and in particular the fibromyalgia syndrome.

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GLENN W. MOST

THE SELF OF THE GREEKS

BODY AND MIND IN CLASSICAL THOUGHT

There is no doubt that modern psychology, art, and literature have drawn on Greek myths as a repository of characters and narratives that can illuminate the darkest corners of the human soul. And there is no doubt that there is an intimate relationship between Greek myths and modern conceptions of the self that goes beyond mere suggestion. But the *psyché* is not the *psyche*. The way in which psychologists, poets, playwrights, and artists have drawn not only on myths but also on the technical psycho-

Was the body of the Olympic athlete only "beautiful"? How did the Greeks resist emotions? Was it possible to experience love after death? What kind of "madness" did the Greek tragedies represent?

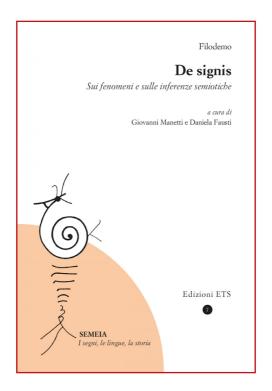
logical treatises of classical thought is a complex intrigue of objective meaning and creative imagination. A great classicist helps us unravel this intrigue. Philosophically fascinating and philologically rigorous, the five studies collected here exemplify a dialectical and hermeneutic approach to the ancient and modern self.

KEY POINTS

- A great classicist helps us unravel the fundamental intrigue of Greek philosophy: the tension between body and mind.
- A complex repository of ancient myths and literary sources is user to better understand the relation between objective meaning and creative imagination.

Glenn W. Most

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PHILODEMUS DE SIGNIS ON PHENOMENA AND SEMIOTIC INFERENCES

De signis is the earliest, most important, and most complete text on semiotics that classical antiquity has left us. It reproduces one of the best-preserved papyri (PHerc 1065) among those recovered during the Bourbon excavations between 1752 and 1754 in the so-called Villa of the Papyri or Pisoni, where the school of the Epicurean philosopher Philodemus of Gadara, a disciple of the eighth scolar of the Garden, Zeno of Sidon, was located in Herculaneum before the eruption of Vesuvius in 79

The earliest and most important text on semiotics of classical antiquity.

A.D. It describes the debate between the Epicureans and a group of opponents, usually identified as the Stoics, about semiotics. The second consists in the clear affinity between the Epicurean methodology of inference and that of the physicians, especially those belonging to the school of empiricism.

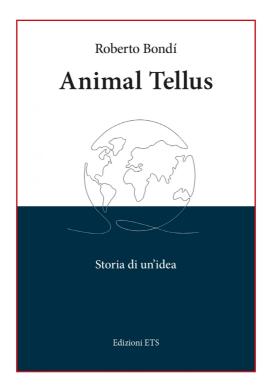
Edited by Giovanni Manetti and Daniela Fausti

KEY POINTS

- The critical edition and translation of a papyri discovered during the Bourbon excavation
- The description of the dispute between Epicureans and Stoics allows us to discover the semiotics of the ancients.

Philodemus of Gadara

Philodemus of Gadara was an Epicurean philosopher and poet. He studied under Zeno of Sidon in Athens, before moving to Rome, and then to Herculaneum. The works of Philodemus so far discovered include writings on ethics, theology, rhetoric, music, poetry, and the history of various philosophical schools.



ROBERTO BONDÌ ANIMAL TELLUS HISTORY OF AN IDEA

The Earth as a living organism and as a universal mother and nurturer: these images are a constant presence in human history. They are not only evidence of outdated mythical insights, but they reappear with extraordinary force in the most diverse cultural contexts.

This book is the story of an idea whose birthplace we do not know, but whose unbroken path we can follow through the great classics of philosophy and science.

The history of the idea of earth as a living organism.

The image of the Earth is like a thread running

through universal literature, describing a circle that has never closed and may never close. Philosophers, scientists, theologians, and men of letters have offered endless variations on the theme, and since the middle of the twentieth century the idea of the Earth as an organism has entered the world of science with a vengeance, inspiring research of fundamental importance.

KEY POINTS

- We do not know when and how the idea of the earth as a living organism was born
- The author tries to reconstruct its origin and its path through human history.

Roberto Bondì

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CARLO **ALTINI**

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY AS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

CARL SCHMITT'S AND LEO STRAUSS' READINGS OF THOMAS HOBBES

In Weimar Germany, the interpretation of Hobbes became the occasion for a historical, political and philosophical evaluation of the history of the modern state at a time of crisis. There are many authors - from Tönnies to Dilthey, from Meinecke to Cassirer and Horkheimer - who confront the English philosopher's teaching with the explicit aim of understanding the genesis, development and fate of philosophical-political modernity and capitalism within a broader critical discussion of the processes of

The confrontation of Leo Strauss and Carl Schmitt with the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes reveals the political crisis of Weimar Germany.

rationalisation in the modern world. Among the interpretations of Hobbes, however, those of Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss played a decisive role in the 1930s, in the midst of the Nazi temperament, when reflection on the categories of individualism, massification and totalitarianism became discriminating for the interpretation of modern politics.

KEY POINTS

- Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss confront the thought of Thomas Hobbes in a time of crisis
- Their philosophical reflections touch themes of individualism, massification and totalitarianism that were central to Weimar Germany.

Carlo Altini

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PIERPAOLO CICCARELLI

LEO STRAUSS BETWEEN HUSSERL AND HEIDEGGER

PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGY

In this book, the unprecedented figure of Strauss as a phenomenological thinker emerges. Starting from the Husserlian problem of the "natural" genesis of scientific concepts and its hermeneutic elaboration in the young Heidegger, Strauss focuses on the possibility of philosophy as a way of life, that is, on the connection between theory and practice.

This clarifies what Strauss meant by the term political philosophy and, consequently, what he meant by his controversial "hermeneutics of ret-

What is the relationship between Leo Strauss and Husserl and Heidegger?

icence". Political philosophy is not a part of philosophy, but the phenomenological attitude that the philosopher is forced to adopt because of the inevitable conflict with the doxa, with the "world of opinions". Political philosophy, then, is "practical philosophy" in the literal sense of the term: the practice of philosophical thought, carried out in confrontation with what seems obvious, "natural". Hence the radical paradox of the way heterodox philosophers have written their books.

KEY POINTS

- By discovering Husserl's and Heidegger's phenomenology, Strauss starts to focus on philosophy as a way of life
- Reflecting on Strauss's engagement with phenomenology helps to understand what he means by "political philosophy".

Pierpaolo Ciccarelli

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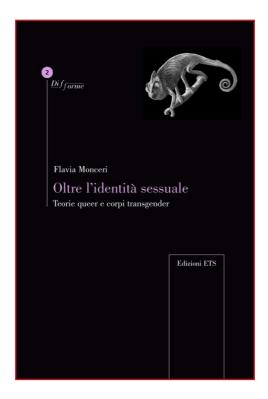




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FLAVIA MONCERI

BEYOND SEXUAL IDENTITY

QUEER THEORIES AND TRANSGENDER BODIES

The aim of the book is to shed light on the definitions and 'labels' currently available to identify differences in sex, gender and sexuality, drawing on the most recent international literature on the subject. More generally, it aims to deconstruct the claims to validity of the dichotomies of sex (male-female), gender (male-female) and sexuality (heterosexuality-homosexuality) on which the 'discourse' on sexual identity continues to be based, both in academia and in public opinion. In addition to the theoretical aspects,

This book aims to deconstruct the binarism of sex and gender in both the academic and popular vocabulary

some concrete cases are also addressed, in particular the relationship between 'disability' and sexuality and sado-masochism.

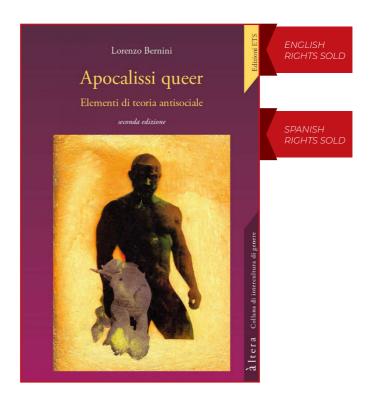
KEY POINTS

- Exploring dichotomies around sex and gender can allow us to move away from 'labels' and think more freely about sexuality
- Topics such as disability and sado-masochism are used as case studies.

Flavia Monceri

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"Lorenzo Bernini's book, Queer Apocalypses, gives an extremely smart, rigorous and comprehensive overview of what has been called antisocial queer theory. Along the way, he provides an account of the rise of queer theory in the US and situates this genre of queer critique in relation to certain European traditions of thought and Italian academia. This book should find an eager audience among readers of queer theory, Europeanists, not to mention people interested in zombies, apocalypse and the end of everything." (Jack Halberstam, author of The Queer Art of Failure (2011) and Female Masculinity (1998))

"Though I don't always agree with his readings, I never fail to recognize Lorenzo Bernini as a serious thinker grappling with crucial issues in contemporary queer theory and politics. Queer Apocalypses announces the emergence of major new voice in the field and contributes valuably to the ongoing development and vitality of queer thought." (Lee Edelman, author of No Future: Queer Theory and the Death Drive (2004))

LORENZO BERNINI QUEER APOCALYPSE FI FMFNTS OF ANTISOCIAL THEORY

This book is an attempt to save "the sexual" from the oblivion to which certain strands in queer theory tend to condemn it, and at the same time to limit the risks of anti-politics and solipsism contained in what has been termed antisocial queer theory. It takes a journey from Sigmund Freud to Mario Mieli and Guy Hocquenghem, from Michel Foucault and Judith Butler to Teresa de Lauretis, Leo Bersani, Lee Edelman, and Tim Dean, and from all of these thinkers back to Immanuel Kant and Thomas

Translated into English and Spanish, this book by Lorenzo Bernini became a classic in queer literature and gender studies

Hobbes. At the end, through readings of Bruce LaBruce's movies on gay zombies, the elitism of antisocial queer theory is brought into contact with popular culture. The living dead come to represent a dispossessed form of subjectivity, whose monstrous drives are counterposed to predatory desires of liberal individuals. The reader is thus lead into the interstitial spaces of the Queer Apocalypses, where the past and the future collapse onto the present, and sexual minorities resurrect to the chanceof a non-heroic political agency.

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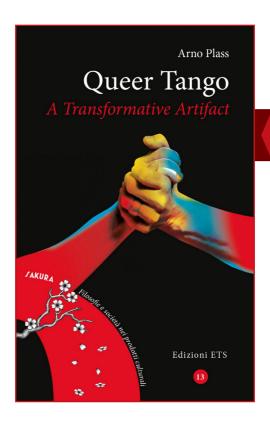
KEY POINTS

- An attempt to save the "sexual" from the oblivion in queer theory
- In order to provide a figural representation of the assault that abnormal sexual existences are making on the contemporary political imagination, the author calls into question the gay zombies of Bruce LaBruce's cinema

Lorenzo Bernini

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ARNO PLASS QUEER TANGO A TRANSFORMATIVE ARTIFACT

While living our lives and participating in the different practices we, as individuals and as societies, contribute to different artifacts.

In this book, artifacts are understood as sociocultural practices that keep on developing and transforming societal patterns. Queer Tango is such a practice. It consciously breaks with and bends the heteronormative, exclusionary preset in Tango Culture in order to provide inclusive

Can Tango be considered as a queer sociocultural practice, able to transform societal patterns?

spaces. This way, the artifact allows for plurality – and plurality is the human condition – to take place.

Queer Tango does so by taking advantage of the transformative potential of Tango itself and by searching creatively for new forms of shaping our social spaces.

The book is published by Edizioni ETS both in English and Italian.

KEY POINTS

- Tango is interpreted as a queer sociocultural practice.
- The author takes advantage from the transformative potential of Tango in a queer, inclusive, plural optics.

Arno Plass

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EMILIO AMIDEO

THE OTHER'S BODY

QUEER ARTICULATIONS OF BLACK MASCULINITY IN DIASPORIC TIMES

Throughout history, a kind of "universal subject" has emerged in the West, a subject that defines reality from its unique point of view and thus relegates to otherness everything that is different from it. It is precisely from the body of the other, from experiential and embodied knowledge, that Emilio Amideo attempts to explore alternative articulations of black masculinity beyond the stereotypes historically constructed around the black and

Who can claim the right to determine who is the Other? A book to reflect on the construction of otherness in Western culture.

queer body. In the work of African-American writers Langston Hughes and James Baldwin and Anglo-Caribbean visual artist Isaac Julien, the body emerges through the image of desire as wound, as shelter and refuge, and as vulnerable and ethereal between desire and death. This set of works and voices decolonizes the typical Western racist heteropatriarchal representation of blackness - that is, blackness as aggressive, instinctual, hypersexual - and outlines a vulnerable black masculinity that refuses to be confined by gender binarisms and limiting notions of sexuality.

KEY POINTS

- An exploration of "otherness" and its link to corporeality with the help of African-American and Anglo-Caribbean literary sources.
- Such an exploration allows us to confront and critique a racist and hetero-patriarchal assumption, that associates the Other's body with vulnerability, desire, and instinctuality.

Emilio Amideo

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ELENA **BIAGINI**

THE UNEXPECTED EMERGENCE

THE LESBIAN MOVEMENT IN ITALY IN THE 1970S AND 1980S

The unexpected emergence that gives the book its title is the speaking out of lesbians in Italy who, since the 1970s, have chosen to fight against the repressive device of silence and face scandal. The lesbians in the story do not exist; each one has to assert her own existence, to overcome the border of compulsory heterosexuality, to overcome the perception of being the only one in the world to experience unforeseen desire.

The first monograph dedicated to the lesbian movement in Italy, drawing on oral and literary sources to reveal the history of a forgotten political season.

This is the first text that organically deals with the history of political lesbianism in Italy, aiming to fill the historiographical gaps in the political history of women's and LGBTIQ movements in Italy.

This story is told through interviews with female protagonists of the time: the choice of oral sources is not only a necessity but also an assumption of the nexus that binds feminism and oral history, recognizing the personal as an important lens of inquiry and challenging the traditional objectivity of the social sciences.

KEY POINTS

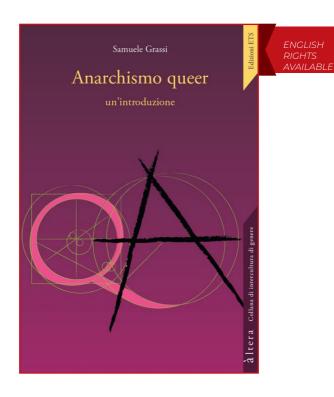
- An LGBTIQ gaze, together with a gender perspective, can bring to historiography as it has to other disciplines new paths and new analyses.
- Through the analysis of oral sources, the author unveils a political reality that does not exist in the mainstream historiography.

Elena Biagini

Elena Biagini has been an activist since the early 1990s in many realities and collectives, mainly in Gay and Lesbian Action in Florence and, in the 2000s, in *Facciamo Breccia*; she has written in various magazines, newspapers and books. Today she teaches literature in a high school and pursues various forms of militancy, research and writing.

The Unexpected Emergence, the latest of her research publications, combines her political passion with that for oral history, which she learned during her doctorate in Gender Studies at La Sapienza University.

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SAMUELE GRASSI QUEER ANARCHISM AN INTRODUCTION

The queer undermines the LGBT acronym at its base, refuses to become yet another product-image of globalized culture, to be co-opted by neoliberalism; it escapes, always different, unassimilable. Anarchism today is searching for new ethical practices of responsibility, freedom and solidarity to negotiate unpredictable relationships between individuality and sociality. At the intersection of these two theoretical and activist practices, queer anarchism under-

One of the most influential books in the queer field in Italy, exploring the affinities between anarchist and queer thought

mines binary oppositions such as hetero/human, black/white, theory/activism, and replaces them with singular, autonomous, anti-authoritarian expressions in constant antagonistic becoming.

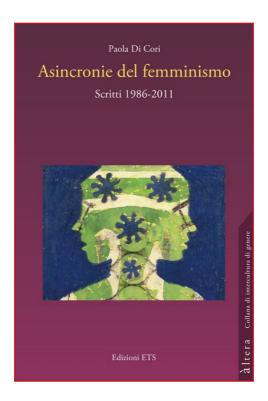
KEY POINTS

- Queer and anarchist struggles share the same tension of breaking free from the labels of globalized culture.
- Queer anarchism subverts gender and sex binarism and defends human autonomy and self-determination.

Samuele Grassi

Samuele Grassi holds a Ph.D. in English and American Studies. He teaches Italian at Monash University (Prato) and at an international institute in Florence. He has published on AIDS literature (*The Apocalypse and the Gay Plague*, Milan, 2007) and on Anglo-Irish gender, feminist and lesbian theatre after the 1980s (*Looking Through Gender*, Newcastle, 2011).

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PAOLA **DI CORI**

ASYNCHRONIES OF FEMINISM

WRITINGS (1986-2011)

The pages of the writings collected here reveal the need for a radical change of perspective in the analysis of feminism as a political movement: to turn the gaze forward instead of backward; to analyze the materials of the past for what appears in them in a barely sketched form and can be taken up, shifted, and revived; on this depends the ability to act and to imagine the time before us. Thus, in the historical representation of other epochs, the ele-

Discontinuity, suspension, interruption, are characteristic requirements of feminist practices in the 1970s. An attempt to reconstruct some episode of this experience.

ment of desire, the fundamental role of the passions in guiding human behavior, returns to a central position. The volume deals with temporality in self-consciousness, the reappearance of right-wing women in the politics of the 1990s; and then: listening and silence in collectives, the relationship between history and autobiography, the category of gender, the difficult relations between feminism and the university, and the recent pornocratic biennium.

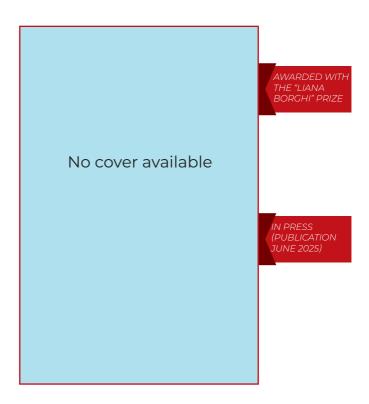
KEY POINTS

- These writings advocate for a radical change in the historical perspective on feminism.
- The essays collected here analyze various topics to trace the historical representation that feminism has given itself over time.

Paola Di Cori

Paola Di Cori (Buenos Aires 1946-Rome 2017), an intellectual figure with diverse interests ranging from history to feminist theory and gender studies, from contemporary cultural practices to the medical humanities, has been a lecturer at the Universities of Urbino and Turin and has co-founded several journals. In addition to her work on Certeau, she has published studies on Giacomo Leopardi, Sarah Kofman, and Diamela Eltit.

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VALENTINA **AMENTA**

QUEER MERIDIONALISM

Queer Meridionalism explores the intersections of queerness and meridionality in Italy, introducing the concept of "queer meridionalism" and analyzing its implications as a theoretical, methodological approach and political positioning. Through an investigation based on post-colonial literature on the South and decolonial thought, the role of the sexual and gender system in the construction of Southern otherness and the contribution

Intersectionality and decoloniality: this book attempts to present feminism from a Southern perspective

of gender and queer studies to the decolonization of the South are examined.

Finally, the practices and theoretical production of movements engaged in the transformation of these issues into **political claims** are mapped, identifying queer southernism as an autonomous political and epistemological subjectivity with transnational reach.

This text makes a significant contribution to gender, queer, postcolonial and decolonial studies, bringing out a new political perspective in the Italian feminist and queer context.

KEY POINTS

- Using queer theories to reread the Souther perspective, this book thematizes a rejection of the paradigm in Eurocentric modernity
- This text makes a significant contribution to gender, queer, postcolonial and decolonial studies, bringing out a new political perspective in the Italian feminist and queer context.

Valentina Amenta

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FABIO CIARAMELLI THE CITY OF THE OUTCASTS

The urban model, which continues to attract more and more people to the urban areas of the planet, continues to promise integration and emancipation, even though it has exhausted its capacity for inclusion. Pandemics and war have disproportionately increased social inequalities. In this way, cities are transformed from places of exchange and coexistence of the different

The crisis of the urban model as told by a leading sociologist and philosopher

into closed spaces, materially and symbolically reserved for certain categories of 'safe' people, but at the same time traversed by the **violence** of irreconcilable conflicts. Between post-pandemic emergencies and the aftermath of war, the new datum on which we need to reflect is the emergence of cities without citizenship.

The **imaginary of exclusion** that dominates them leads to dangerous forms of self-destructive short-sightedness, which this book seeks to analyse, denounce and, as far as possible, counter.

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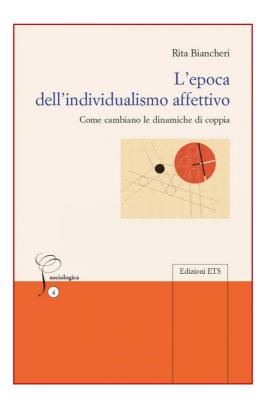
- Urban spaces have exhausted their capacity for inclusion and give rise to massive marginalisation
- · This book attempts to denounce the spread of inequality in our cities.

Fabio Ciaramelli

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RITA BIANCHERI

THE AGE OF AFFECTIVE INDIVIDUALISM

HOW COUPLE DYNAMICS ARE CHANGING

Are we still conditioned by the myth of the possible encounter with one's **soul mate**, where we anxiously seek this completeness in an uncontrolled desire for fusion, or do we live as intimate strangers in a 'time-based' relationship, in emotional disenchantment so as not to lose our **freedom**?

What is a couple today? A sociological treatise on the ambivalences of contemporary couples

An ambivalence that oscillates between total devotion and emotional detachment, between the search for authenticity and loneliness, obscuring our capacity for reflexivity in building a possible and lasting union for two.

The aim of this book is to provide a **comprehensive overview** of the main changes in emotions and love relationships in the new framework of gender equality, with its uncertain boundaries, restoring the richness of different readings through a **critical analysis** of the most important contributions of contemporary sociology.

KEY POINTS

- · The ambivalence of the couple's relationship, between detachment and symbiosis.
- · A comprehensive overview of the main changes in love relationships

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PSYCHOLOGY, PEDAGOGY



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FABIO FRANCIOSI

EMOTIONAL REGULATION IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

TOWARDS AN OPERATIONAL MODEL IN CLINICAL AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

Emotional regulation difficulties are a potential common factor underlying the affective and behavioural problems of people with autistic spectrum disorders. Excessive reactivity, maladaptive responses and difficulties in self-regulation contribute to the impaired functioning of children and adolescents, affecting both the outcomes of long-term interventions and the quality of

A treatise on managing emotions in patients with autistic spectrum disorders.

life and mental health of the young protagonists and all those involved in their development.

Starting from the perspective of emotional regulation and embracing the complexity of the latest generation of theoretical-clinical knowledge, this text provides an **explanatory framework for autistic dysregulation** and describes the practices of an operational model, with the aim of increasing the sensitivity and competence of clinicians, practitioners, teachers and family members to the processes that promote regulation in both children and adolescents with autism and the adults involved in their lives.

KEY POINTS

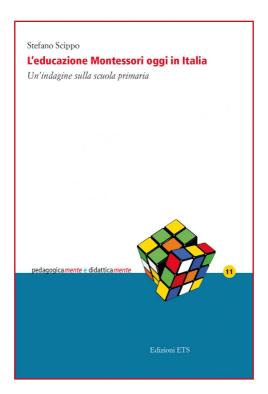
- · An explanatory framework for autistic dysregulation
- The aim of this book is to increase the sensitivity and competence of people caring for people with autism.

Fabio Franciosi

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STEFANO **SCIPPO**

MONTESSORI EDUCATION IN ITALY TODAY

A SURVEY ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In Italy, Montessori primary schools are mostly public and their number has more than doubled between 2016 and 2021. Today, more than a hundred years after the birth of this educational approach, it seems legitimate to ask: to what extent is the Montessori model still being implemented? And with what variability from school to school? What are the academic and so-

A review of Italian public schools to highlight the need for their reform

cio-affective results of Montessori pupils at the end of primary and secondary school?

This research provides answers to these and other questions, highlighting the need to reform the Italian education system in order to provide, in Montessori schools and elsewhere, an education that truly promotes the development of the individual, free and in harmony with the world.

KEY POINTS

- · A critique of the Italian school system through the ideas of Maria Montessori
- The aim of the public school should be to provide an education that truly promotes the development of a free, balanced and contented individual.

Stefano Scippo

Researcher at the University of Florence with a PhD in Psychology of Social Processes, Development and Educational Research from the Sapienza University of Rome. Stefano Scippo has experience as a Montessori teacher and as a trainer in various fields: support, public service and financial education.







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ANNA **GUERRIERI**

IN THE CLASSROOM

FOR THE RIGHT TO STUDY OF PUPILS WITH HISTORIES OF ADOPTION, FOSTERING AND OTHERS

This essay is addressed in particular to all those adults (parents and teachers, managers, teachers in training, social workers in the public and private sectors, etc.) who, in their own lives and on their own paths, meet and will meet children and young people who have been adopted or fostered, who are in guardianship structures or who migrate without family members.

An essay dedicated to those who believe that school is an essential time and space for children's growth.

It presents reflections, insights into different aspects of life in the classroom. It illustrates how to use the *Guidelines for the Right to Study of Adopted Pupils* and the *Guidelines for the Right to Study of Pupils outside their Family of Origin*.

KEY POINTS

- It is the inalienable right of all young people to enter a classroom where they can learn freely
 and curiously, where they can express their thoughts critically and creatively, where they can
 grow.
- · Practical suggestions are given on how to support pupils with an adoption background.

Anna Guerrieri

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ANGELO MERIANI, GABRIEL ZUCHTRIEGEL (EDS.)

THE TOMB OF THE DIVER

RITE, ART AND POETRY IN PAESTUM AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
IN THE LATE ARCHAIC PERIOD

The Tomb of the Diver is the only known figurative frescoed tomb from a pre-4th-century BC Magna-Greek city, with its striking yet controversial depiction of diving. Since its discovery in 1968, the uniqueness of this early 5th century BC tomb has had an extraordinary impact on contemporary culture. In 2018, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the tomb,

A collection of essays on one of the most controversial pieces of ancient art in Magna Graecia

the Archaeological Park of Paestum organised an exhibition entitled "The Invisible Image", with a major contribution from the Campania Region. At the end of the exhibition an international conference was held at the National Archaeological Museum of Paestum This volume attempts to break down the barriers between disciplines and sectors and to bring archaeology and philology, art and ritual, literature and music, philosophy and religion, antiquity and the present into dialogue.

KEY POINTS

- The result of a congress held in Pompei in 2018, these essays bring together the latest discoveries about the famous fresco depicting an unusual diver.
- The tension between exceptionality and normality (ritual, religious, artistic, social) has characterised the discussion on the tomb of the diver since its discovery and will continue to do so in the future.

Angelo Meriani

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Gabriel Zuchtriegel

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Marcello Valente

EMPORIA

Elementi di razionalità economica nel commercio greco

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MARCELLO **VALENTE**

EMPORIA

ELEMENTS OF ECONOMIC RATIONALITY IN GREEK TRADE

Unlike agriculture and handicrafts, trade operated between one *polis* and another and thus managed to escape to some extent the total control of the political authority.

The present study examines the figures of the protagonists of Greek trade, the *emporoi* and the *naukleroi*, their mutual relationship and their different roles, suggesting, on the basis of a close compari-

Trade was the most dynamic and profitable sector of the Greek economy, and this book examines its main figures

son of literary, epigraphic, papyrological and archaeological sources, that the latter were genuine merchant-armourers of wealthy condition and by no means illiterate, as the modern vulgate would have it. On the contrary, Greek merchants seem to have been able to understand and use the laws of the market economy to their own advantage, recognising the advantages of economies of scale and the reduction of costs that they bring, without, however, developing an authentic capitalist mentality or even a capitalist economy.

KEY POINTS

- An examination of the main figures in Greek trade shows that trade was the most dynamic sector of the Greek economy.
- · Greek merchants showed a keen awareness of trade rules and an ability to use them to their advantage.

Marcello Valente

Marcello Valente is a researcher in Greek history at the University of Eastern Piedmont 'Amedeo Avogadro'. His publications include: [Aristotle], Economici. Introduction, translation and commentary (Alexandria 2011); I prodromi della guerra di Corinto nelle testimonianze delle Elleniche di Ossirinco e delle Elleniche di Senofonte (Alexandria 2014); Hendrik Bolkestein, La vita economica nell'età d'oro della Grecia, introduction, translation and notes edited by Marcello Valente (Alexandria 2017).







Gianfranco Mosconi

IL CONSIGLIERE SEGRETO DI PERICLE

Damone e i meccanismi della democrazia ateniese

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GIANFRANCO MOSCONI

PERICLES' SECRET COUNSELOR

DAMON AND THE MECHANISMS OF ATHENIAN DEMOCRACY

Alongside the better-known Damon (the music theorist), there is Pericles' secret adviser Damon, the "inspirer of most" of his initiatives, so feared that he was ostracised. This portrayal, fully in keeping with the mechanisms of propaganda in fifth-century Athens, may have some basis in reality. Indeed, Damon's only known 'advice' (the slogan that justified the *misthos dikastikos*) is

A portrait of Pericles' counsellor reveals the secrets of Greek democracy

not only central to the rise of Pericles and the material mechanisms of democratic Athens, but is also reused at another crucial point in Pericles' career. Thus, against the scepticism of many moderns, Pericles' Damon becomes a reality: a 'political coach', a sophist and skilful persuader, a 'highly intelligent' politician and a 'doer of great things', and thus an obvious target for ostracism.

KEY POINTS

- An examination of the figure of Damon reveals not only the main political strategies behind Pericles' rise, but also the political mechanisms of democratic Athens.
- Damon could be seen as a forerunner of the figure of the "political coach" that is so popular today.

Gianfranco Mosconi

Researcher in Greek history at the University of Cassino and Lazio Meridionale, Gianfranco Mosconi has worked in particular on Greek democracy (also in relation to music, paideia, economics, strategy) and also, among various other topics, on ancient utopia (Plato), music and philosophy in Polybius, Roman political thought and the teaching of ancient history. He is the author of Democracy and Good Governance. Five Democratic Theses in 5th Century B.C. Greece (2021).





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Fabio Camilletti

Manzoni gotico

Tre itinerari illegali ne *I promessi sposi*



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FABIO CAMILLETTI GOTHIC MANZONI

THREE ILLEGAL ITINERARIES IN MAZONI'S "THE BETROTHED"

A persecuted virgin, a dissipated woman, a bandit holed up in his castle; and then nightmarish crimes, a convent full of secrets, a plague... a pestilence... In the heyday of the Gothic novel, Manzoni takes some of the genre's most stereotypical situations and distorts them until they are unrecognisable. Fabio Camilletti reads *The Betrothed* to discover a novel that was never written, and

150 years after Manzoni's death, an 'illegal' reading of The Betrothed, exploring the links between Manzoni's work and the Gothic genre.

to understand the Gothic no longer as a genre but as a 'mode' capable of influencing many different cultural products. A book aimed not only at the community of Italian and literary scholars, but also at the general public, given the references to the strange, to the Gothic and, of course, to Manzoni's characters, who have recently enjoyed a comeback in the limelight, even on social media, 150 years after the death of Alessandro Manzoni.

KEY POINTS

- In the heart of the age of revolutions, the Gothic novel is perhaps the genre that, more than any other, questions the dark side of modernity, from which Manzoni drew for his mos famous novel.
- · Gothic becomes a "mode" of writing, that influences many different cultural products.

Fabio Camilletti

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SILVIO RAMAT

PENULTIMATE SHORT ESSAYS ON MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN POETS

These 'short essays' by a scholar of many years' experience, confirm his loyalty to some of the poets who have been his bread and butter since his youth (Montale, Campana, Luzi, Chiesura, Saba, Sbarbaro).

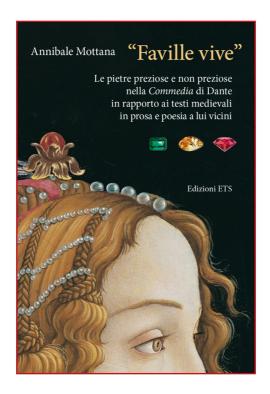
An experienced scholar reflects on his favourite Italian poets.

Silvio Ramat

Silvio Ramat is Professor Emeritus of Contemporary Italian Literature at the University of Padua, where he has taught since 1976. After *L'ermetismo* (La Nuova Italia, 1969), *Storia della poesia italiana del Novecento* (Mursia, 1976) and *Protonovecento* (Il Saggiatore, 1978), his research has focused on the major figures of the twentieth century.







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ANNIBALE **MOTTANA**

"LIVING FLAMES"

THE PRECIOUS AND NON-PRECIOUS STONES IN DANTE'S COMMEDIA IN RELATION TO MEDIEVAL PROSE AND POETRY TEXTS CLOSE TO HIM

Dante was not only a great poet, but also a valuable scientist, within the limits of the culture of his time. In his poetry he mentions numerous mining, geological and gemological terms.

Their metaphorical use mainly reflects their material characteristics: colour, lustre, transparency. Little attention is paid to the mystical or magical 'virtues' attributed to stones

The use of mining, geological and gemological terms in Dante's Divine Comedy

in the medieval tradition, although Dante shows knowledge of authors such as St Isidore of Seville, Marbodo of Rennes and, above all, St. Albert the Great.

KEY POINTS

- Dante's Divine Comedy contains reference to various gemstones, graduated in the three cantlcles from stones to gems and joys as one approaches God.
- Their use is metaphorical, since they hint to different virtues attributed to stones in the Middle Ages.

Annibale Mottana

Annibale Mottana, a mineralist and expert in mining and environmental geo-resources, graduated in Milan and specialised at the University of Western Ontario and the Ruhr University of Bochum. He has carried out research in Italy, Canada, Japan, Norway, the USA and China. He is an Academician of the Lincei and Honorary President of the Academy of Sciences of the Forty.







MARCO BARDINI THE CARTOON CLASSICS

BOCCACCIO

This volume traces the fate of Giovanni Boccaccio in the world of comics, both Italian and foreign, throughout the twentieth century and up to the present day, focusing not only on the adaptations of his novellas taken from the *Decameron*, but also on Boccaccio himself, who appears in the stories both as a character and as a narrator. The text is thus articulated along a double path: on the one

Giovanni Boccaccio's short stories in Italian and international comics, summarised and commented on by the author.

hand, it is possible to follow the rich gallery of colour images and information which, in chronological order, testify to the recurrence of this theme in the world of comics, from the puppets of the 'Corriere dei giovani' to albums of adventure, mystery or erotic stories, up to the modern graphic novel. On the other hand, it is possible to deepen the analysis of the series of modalities that characterise the phenomenon of rewriting, reuse and parody in the transition from a text of words alone to another text of images.

KEY POINTS

- · Rich gallery of full-colour images in chronological order.
- · Insights into the literary phenomenon of rewriting classics, even using non-canonical forms.

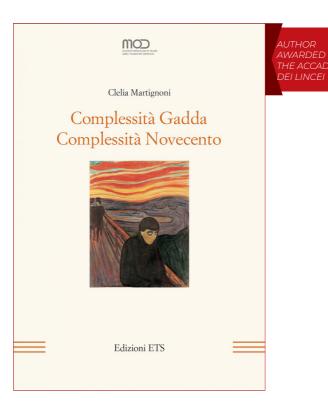
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COMPLEXITY: GADDA, 1900

Carlo Emilio Gadda, an unstable yet innovative narrator, constantly raises questions. His vocation for complexity and multiplicity is not a generic one, but one that the author persistently explores in his early writings, only to emerge with a vengeance in the great works of his maturity. Shortly after the war trauma that weighed on his entire journey, Gadda perceived a plural and complex

Carlo Emilio Gadda and his tragic complexity in relation to the history of the 20th century

"real", and that is how he wanted the novel to be designed. His works are weighed down by chimeras of potential, fantastic and funereal movements, magnanimous ambitions and ruinous mistrusts, as well as the tiresome accounts of the engineering profession (which he left only in 1940). It is worth tracing some of its aspects in order to try to grasp, with the multiplied gaze of contemporaneity, the singularities and the "imperfect" genius of the writer.

KEY POINTS

- Complexity and multiplicity are analysed between contaminations and sprezzature in Gadda's entire oeuvre.
- Gadda's elaborative and editorial vicissitudes are also often interrupted and troubled between edited, unpublished and posthumous works, remaining under the sign of complexity.

Clelia Martignoni

Clelia Martignoni, Professor of Contemporary Italian Literature at the University of Pavia, directed the Manoscritti Centre for several years. A member of the Istituto Lombardo di Scienze e Lettere, she is a member of the scientific committees of the National Editions of D'Annunzio and Pirandello, of the Sereni Archive and of the Sinisgalli Foundation. She works on the early 20th century (Cardarelli, Voceani, D'Annunzio) and on the entire century and beyond (Sereni, Zanzotto, R. Baldini, Sinisgalli, Piovene, G. Raimondi, Manzini, Gadda, Manganelli, Volponi, Leonetti), studying in particular the genetic and elaborative paths, with numerous editions, volumes, essays. In 2023 he was awarded the lifetime achievement prize of the Accademia dei Lincei 'Messori Roncaglia'.





il mito testi e saggi



Anna Santoni

Le costellazioni e i loro miti al tempo di Carlo Magno

Il contributo della tradizione aratea alla conoscenza del cielo in età carolingia

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ANNA **SANTONI**

THE CONSTELLATIONS AND THEIR MYTHS AT THE TIME OF CHARLEMAGNE

The image of the night sky as we know it today, dating back at least to Eudoxus of Knidos (4th century BC), is the sky of the classical astronomers, including Ptolemy. However, the transmission of this map of the heavens was not a continuous and linear process. In the Christian West, the Carolingian period (9th-10th centuries) represents a critical moment from this point of view: in the flourish-

When the Christians look up at the night sky, they find it still largely occupied by pagan constellations, each of which has its origin in the stories of the ancient gods

ing of studies, the knowledge of the classical constellations, which had been marginalised in the astronomy of previous centuries, is revived and disseminated, even overcoming Christian hostility to pagan celestial mythology. The story takes us to the monasteries of the Frankish kingdom, where the poem *Phenomena by Aratus of Soli*, with its commentaries and Latin translations, provides systematic information that is recovered and disseminated: the description of the figures, their positions relative to each other, the catalogue of the stars, and even the myths that preserve the memory of the power of the ancient gods in the heavens.

KEY POINTS

- The map of the sky as we know it today is the result of a long and unstable process that reached its climax in the Carolingian era.
- In this story, pagan traditions are interwoven with Christian hostility to earlier celestial mythologies.

Anna Santoni

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THE FIRST AICHINGER

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MATTEO IACOVELLA

THE MISTRUST OF LANGUAGE

PATHS IN ILSE AICHINGER'S PO-ETICS (1945-1976)

This study is dedicated to the work of the Austrian writer Ilse Aichinger (1921-2016), one of the most important voices of the German-speaking twentieth century. The feeling of mistrust is identified as the glowing, programmatic core from which an articulated poetic journey crosses the threshold of the millennium. It proposes ways of reading and analysing the first thirty years of

One of the most important voices of Austrian literature in 20th century seen from the perspective of mistrust.

Aichinger's production (1945-1976) in order to explore the ethical implications of writing after the *caesura* of 1945.

The experimentalist thrust and the curiosity to look inside and behind words, to liberate language dispersed on the margins of forms and dictability, result in a futuristic work that constantly interrogates reality, in a daily practice of dissent.

KEY POINTS

- · The first monograph dedicated to Ilse Aichinger in Italy reconstructs the context in which her diffident poetics was born.
- · Following the traces of documents and archival materials and identifying three writing movements, the book unveils the programmatic core of Aichinger's unconventional writings.

Matteo Iacovella

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NUNZIO LA FAUCI CINEMA AND PAROLE

Nine films, as texts: "Totò, Peppino e la... malafemmina", "C'eravamo tanto amati", "Habemus papam", "Arrival", "Dunkirk", "The Old Man and the Gun", "The Mule", "Marx Can Wait". And a novel, as you can imagine: *The Betrothed*.

These are tasty opportunities to get to grips with language by talking about cinema, and to get to grips with cinema by talking about language.

Nine, great films become occasions for linguistic incursions. A novel lends itself to the game of communicating through images

KEY POINTS

• Cinematic language as a mean to reflect on language as such with the help of nine films and a novel

Nunzio La Fauci

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GIOVANNA **MAINA**

BODIES YOU CAN BROWSE

CINEMA, GENDER AND SEXUALITY ON "CINESEX" (1969-1974)

In September 1969, 'Cinesex', an 'International Review of Photofilm and Film News', was born, a peculiar object in the men's press of the time. This volume represents a first attempt to explore the "sexy cineromanzo" of the early 1970s, a subject generally neglected by studies and relegated to a mere testimony to the 'physiological' decadence of popular film publishing. Of limited social rel-

The first monograph dedicated to a topic too often neglected in media studies: the analysis of the erotic "cineromanzo" in the 1970s in Italy.

evance, situated as it is between the silver screen and adult magazines, 'Cinesex' poses complex problems and provokes non-trivial reflections. The erotic cineromanzo is indeed a **fascinating case study**, especially when understood in relation to the socio-cultural context in which it was born, 'shaken' by the so-called sexual revolution.

KEY POINTS

- · "Cineromanzo", the decadence of the popular film industry or a fascinating case study?
- · This book offers a groundbreaking analysis of the phenomenon and an original insight into

the erotic imagination of a post-boom Italy.

Giovanna Maina

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ALFREDO BALDI VALENTINA CORTESE

A BRIEF CENTURY (1923-2023)

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Valentina Cortese's birth, there is more than one reason to reflect on her life and work in film, theatre and television.

First of all, because Valentina was undoubtedly the last "diva" of the Italian scene; after her retirement, no other actress has achieved her charisma, her ability to always be at the centre of attention and admiration

The last "diva" of the Italian cinema and her life, told with the help of a repertoire of photographs.

when she was present, not to mention the richness and ductility of her interpretations, which also place her at the top of the list in terms of mastery. But Valentina also fascinates us because her life, which began in conditions that were, to say the least, uncomfortable, has undergone so many changes, or rather reversals, that her story is almost fantastic and not credible. Finally, because her career, which has inevitably followed the ups and downs of existence, is inextricably linked to it, always rich in new, exciting and fulfilling interpretative experiences.

KEY POINTS

· The fascinating life and works of Valentina Cortese, that appear inextricable intertwined.

Alfredo Baldi

Born in Rome, Alfredo Baldi worked at the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia from 1968 to 2007, where he directed the National Film School and the National Film Archive. As a film historian and critic, he has taught 'Film Language' at the Sapienza University of Rome. He has published over a hundred articles and essays and is the author or editor of numerous volumes. Between 2018 and 2021 he will publish three books: on the history of the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia, on the 70th anniversary of the Cineteca Nazionale and the first historical-critical essay dedicated to Lino Banfi.







Marco Bardini Il cinema medievaloide 1965-1976

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MARCO BARDINI MEDIEVALOID CINEMA

1965-2076

The book recounts the life, death and miracles (especially at the box office) of this costume comedy film, which was an extraordinary popular success between 1965 and 1976, based mainly on novels from the 14th and 16th centuries. It had the audacity to compete with acclaimed directors such as Lattuada, Scola and Monicelli and honest craftsmen of long standing such as Festa

A polymorphous and omnivorous genre, cinema based on novels from the Middle Ages was a huge success in the 1970s Italy.

Campanile, Amendola and Corbucci. It was once thought that this was 'decamerotic', more for the worse than for the better. With hindsight, it is suggested here that it be renamed 'medievaloid cinema'.

KEY POINTS

- · Costume comedy films with a trashy vocation were a thing in the 1970s Italian panorama.
- · Their huge success allowed medievaloid films to compete with master directors as Lattua-

da, Scola and Monicelli

Marco Baldini

Marco Bardini teaches contemporary Italian literature at the University of Pisa. With ETS he has published *Elsa Morante* e *il cinema* (2014) and *Boccaccio pop. Usi, riusi* e *abusi del Decameron nella contemporaneità* (2020).







ANNA CHIARA SABATINO

THE AMATEUR AUTHOR

AUDIOVISUAL CONFIGURATIONS OF THE SELF FROM CINEMA TO SOCIAL MEDIA

With the advent of social networks, the amateur gaze has gained prominence. From Super8 films to today's figure of the content creator, the book traces the evolution of the figure of the filmmaker. Taking into account the evolution of the means and technologies available to the amateur, and drawing on case studies from the history of cinema and social media, the author describes the

A book tracing the history of amateur cinema

transformations of the figure of the amateur author.

KEY POINTS

- · A text that explores the thinning of the boundary between amateur and professional
- The continuous proposition of the self-image common to those dedicated to sharing videos and selfies transforms the amateur into an influencer or social star.

Anna Chiara Sabatino

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THE AGE OF WIDESCREEN

ITALIAN CINEMA AND THE WIDESCREEN REVOLUTION

In the 1950s, in an attempt to differentiate Hollywood's spectacular offerings from those of fledgling television, the austere semi-square format of the classic screen was replaced by a grandiose image with a base much larger than its height. And from the United States, the propagating centre of innovation, panoramic formats spread from film to film, transforming practices, crafts

A reconstruction of the cultural process that led to the so-called widescreen revolution in Italian cinema

and aesthetics. This book reconstructs, for the first time, the cultural process of the adoption of widescreen by the Italian film industry, in the conviction that it is the third great technological revolution of the medium, after sound and colour.

KEY POINTS

- · Modern cinema has embraced horizontality as a distinctive way of formalising the visible
- The wide-screen format as the third great technological revolution of the seventh art form

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ENRICO FUBINI, LAURENCE WUIDAR

LANGUAGES OF THE UNSPEAKABLE

MUSIC AND MYSTIQUE: JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS COMPARED

This volume is a reflection on the intertwining of musical culture and mystical traditions in Judaism and Christianity. Written by four hands, the book draws on Jewish and Christian mystical literature - from the Zohar to books of visions and revelations, from Jewish texts from the Kabbalah to tales of musical ecstasy in the Christian tradition.

A dialogue between the two authors, linking mystical thought with musical thought in its philosophical and aesthetic ramifications

KEY POINTS

· The book draws on a series of themes ranging from the role of music as a language beyond the verbal to the power of song in mystical elevation and the encounter with the other, an encounter that is by nature ineffable.

Enrico Fubini

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ALESSANDRO TOSI

LIKE WHITE BUTTERFLIES

IMAGES OF TENNIS IN MODERN TIMES

This book traces some of the motifs that have accompanied tennis in the modern imagination since the end of the 19th century. An evocative selection of paintings, sculptures and prints, through the works of the great modern and contemporary artists, composes a history that takes up the themes traditionally associated with the noblest of games, in order to deconstruct

A collection of images and anecdotes tracing the history of tennis in 19th and 20th century popular culture.

them in multiple visual, poetic and emotional registers.

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ANDREA PORCIELLO

LAW AND MORALITY: THREE QUESTIONS

GLIMPSES OF LEGAL THEORY

This volume is conceived as an analysis and in-depth study of the philosophical-legal question par excellence, that of the controversial relationship between law and morality. It is based on the idea that this relationship can in fact be broken down into a number of specific, interrelated but conceptually independent questions that allow

A treatise on the philosophical-legal question par excellence: what is the relationship between morality and law?

- and indeed demand - equally autonomous treatments. To this end, the first part of the volume identifies three particularly relevant issues among the various possible ones, each of which is subjected to critical investigation in the remaining parts of the book. Thus, through the thought of some of the most influential philosophers of law of the twentieth century, the role of the moral dimension in methodological, definitional and social questions of law is examined.

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KEY POINTS

- \cdot The biggest question for the philosopher of law can actually be decomposed in a number of different, more specific questions
- · With the help of the most relevant philosophers of law, the author attempts to clarify the effective role of moral dimension in jurisprudence.

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ADRIANO ZAMBON

FIRST ARGUMENTS FOR A PHILOSOPHY OF CONSUMER LAW

This text sets out to formulate initial arguments for a philosophy of consumer law by examining a number of deeply interrelated issues affecting this branch of contemporary legal systems: who the consumer is, how he or she is defined by normative texts, what his or her rights are, and how they can be justified. This analysis involves questions

This research seeks to address the question of who is the consumer subject and how to incorporate them into the legal framework.

that have long been the focus of legal philosophers: the meaning of terms used by legislators, the relationship between legal language and ordinary language, and the relationship between subjective rights and conceptions of justice. The main purpose of the research is to resolve the puzzle, of undoubted practical relevance, of the identity (in and out of law) of the 'consumer' subject.

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KEY POINTS

- · The author examines interrelated questions regarding the consumer subject
- · Jurisprudence could draw on these first principles to set out a philosophy of consumer law.

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VITO VELLUZZI

BETWEEN THEORY AND DOGMATICS (I AND II)

These short collections of essays are inspired by a specific methodological aim: to do philosophy of law through law. This means moving in two complementary directions. The first direction concerns the object of analysis. It consists of the discourses that doctrine and judges conduct with and about positive law, and such a study is

Two collections of essays, written between 2012-2020, dedicated to the relationship between theory and dogma in legal institutions.

undertaken with the primary aim of revealing the assumptions on which judges and jurists proceed and the goals they pursue. The second direction concerns the way in which the subject is studied: the institutions of positive law are studied for the insights of theoretical interest that they offer, within a philosophical frame of reference and with the tools of the method that is appropriate for outlining them.

His critical analysis of the interpreter's exercise of discretion is achieved through the study of interpretive argumentation: what was said, how it was said, and also what the interpreters left out.

KEY POINTS

- The point of view of these essays is that the interpreter is involved in the institutional scene.
- The main tool for unravelling the mystery of the relationship between theory and dogma is the study of interpretive argumentation.

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FRANCESCA POGGI

THE CONVERSATIONAL MODEL

ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORDINARY AND LEGAL UNDERSTANDING

The purpose of this book is precisely to analyse the similarities and differences between ordinary conversation and legal interpretation, using Grice's theory of conversational implicatures as a point of comparison. In particular, two main aims are pursued. The first is to show how Grice's theory, despite some internal problems, is a good explana-

Is legislation really like ordinary conversation? Can we really think of legal interpretation as a form of everyday understanding?

tory model for everyday conversation, including normative conversation. The second objective is to argue against the appropriateness of this model with respect to legal interpretation: the text shows how the arguments against it are based on some fundamental misunderstandings of the model in question and/or ignore the peculiarities of legal practice. On the other hand, the failure of the Gricean model makes it possible to highlight some of the characteristics of this practice.

KEY POINTS

- The so-called conversational model argues that legal interpretation and ordinary understanding are articulated according to a similar process.
- \cdot The Gricean, conversational model can be highlighted and refuted by exposing its misunderstandings.

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MAURIZIO GAZZARRI

THE KIDS WHO CLIMBED THE FUTURE

Pisa, 1954: the farsightedness of the local authorities, the intelligence of the University, the vision of the Olivetti family and the commitment of young graduates, scholars, students and technicians helped to overcome one of the greatest challenges of the 20th century: the construction of the CEP (Calcolatrice Elettronica Pisana - the Pisan

The lives of Giorgio and Angela intersect with those of the protagonists of the challenge that will lead to Italy's first electronic calculator.

Electronic Calculator) and the ELEA (Elaboratore Electronico Aritmetico - Electro-Aritmetic Processor), the first computers designed and built in Italy. The events in Piazza Torricelli, the headquarters of the Physics Institute, and in Barbaricina, where the Electronics Research Laboratory of the Ivrea company was set up, are interwoven with the major social, cultural, political and social events of Pisa and Italy in the second half of the 1950s. The world was changing and Pisa was part of it.

KEY POINTS

• Giorgio Fabbrini is 24 when the story begins. Angela is just 21. Their lives intersect with those of the protagonists of the challenge that will lead to Italy's first electronic calculator. Behind a unique story of technological, scientific and cultural innovation, the novel tells of the expectations and mistakes, courage and ingenuity, friendship and desire for the future of an entire generation.

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