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Storia contemporanea dal 1815 a oggi

Italian Intellectuals and International Politics, 1945–1992

Springer Nature **Italian intellectuals played an important role in the shaping of international politics during the Cold War. The visions of the world that they promulgated, their influence on public opinion and their ability to shape collective speech, whether in agreement with or in opposition to those in power, have been underestimated and understudied. This volume marks one of the first serious attempts to assess how Italian intellectuals understood and influenced Italy’s place in the post-World War II world. The protagonists represent the three key post-war political cultures: Catholic, Marxist and Liberal Democratic. Together, these essays uncover the role of such intellectuals in institutional networks, their impact on the national and transnational circulation of ideas and the relationships they established with a variety of international associations and movements.**

Napoli, Belle Époque

Gius.Laterza & Figli Spa **L'immagine predominante di Napoli, tra il 1860 e il 1915, è quella di ex-capitale di un grande regno, 'città regia' in decadenza incapace di trasformarsi in 'città borghese', metropoli tra le più popolate d'Europa, il cui fascino è compromesso dalle miserabili condizioni di vita della gran parte dei suoi abitanti. Ma Napoli, fino alla grande guerra, non è solo questo: è anche una metropoli europea moderna, una città dall'elevato livello culturale dove si realizzano esperienze di rilievo sul piano professionale, sul terreno commerciale, nel conflitto sociale tra industriali, per lo più stranieri o settentrionali, e operai organizzati sindacalmente. La Belle Époquenapoletana non è solo fatta di luminosi café chantant ma di iniziative economiche e progetti politici e delle prime originali forme della cultura di massa. Le classi dirigenti hanno, per lo più, una loro dignità e si preoccupano degli interessi pubblici. Questa fase di grande fervore e di grande vitalità si interromperà con lo scoppio della prima guerra mondiale. La guerra, infatti, si sarebbe rivelata un pessimo affare per la città e per tutto il Mezzogiorno, sempre più sfavoriti dalla spesa pubblica rivolta al Nord. Fino al 1915 Napoli è ancora una capitale europea. Dopo non lo sarà più.**

Storia della camorra

Gius.Laterza & Figli Spa **Francesco Barbagallo è stato il primo a raccontare il potere della camorra come potere imprenditoriale quando nessuno osava farlo, ancorandolo a un passato indispensabile per interpretare il presente. Storia della camorra è un libro fondamentale perché frutto degli studi di uno dei più grandi storici italiani, di un intellettuale che declina le dimensioni economica, criminale e imprenditoriale della camorra, attraverso il tratto umano che le è proprio e che la condannerà all'estinzione. Dalle catastrofi - dice Barbagallo - per fortuna si può emergere. Roberto Saviano La duttilità mimetica della camorra, cioè la sua capacità di rimodellarsi volta per volta dietro gli impulsi della cronaca, è il motivo ricorrente dell'opera di Barbagallo: un lavoro storico impegnativo, condotto al seguito di eventi intricati, fra centinaia di personaggi a volte enigmatici ma più spesso meramente turpi, benché depositari, in superficie, di una mitologia fantasiosa. Lungi dal soggiacere alla suggestione di questo retaggio, l'autore ne esamina con freddezza le ricadute ai danni del Mezzogiorno. Nello Ajello, "la Repubblica" Soffusa di racconti e leggende sulle sue origini, sulle sue forme organizzative e sui riti di accesso, a distanza di quasi due secoli dalla sua nascita nei vicoli di Napoli, la storia della camorra non è mai stata raccontata per intero. Questa è la prima ricostruzione complessiva dall' 'onorata società' dell'Ottocento alla criminalità globalizzata di oggi. Francesco Barbagallo descrive i suoi costumi, le regole, la mentalità, gli affari, gli intrecci con la politica e le altre organizzazioni criminali, necessari per tessere la rete con cui oggi gestisce un patrimonio enorme. Al tempo dei Borboni, quando inizia la sua attività delinquenziale e si dà un'organizzazione, la camorra controlla le estorsioni su quasi tutte le attività produttive, i mercati, le case da gioco, la prostituzione. Si rappresenta come una sorta di aristocrazia della plebe ed entra nel vivo del tessuto sociale, praticando una forma di amministrazione, privata e illegale, della fiscalità, della sicurezza, della giustizia. La storia sembra non scalfirla, nonostante le repressioni postunitarie e l'impegno dei grandi intellettuali che hanno lottato per portare la questione meridionale al centro dell'interesse del nuovo Stato unitario, nonostante ogni tentativo di farle terra bruciata attorno. Nel corso degli anni non cessa di evolversi tra corruzione e clientele, accaparrando nuovi spazi di azione e nuove forme ben più consistenti e di più ampio respiro rispetto ai suoi tratti storici. Oggi la camorra è attiva su scala mondiale, ha circa 6000 affiliati, i suoi utili sono calcolati in 13 miliardi di euro, in un quindicennio il suo fatturato si sarebbe quintuplicato. Manovra le tecnologie più avanzate, sa sfruttare al meglio le garanzie di impunità di mercati sempre meno controllati, è parte integrante della finanza globale. Chi la pensa come il frutto del sottosviluppo, prende un abbaglio.**

Scenari del mondo contemporaneo dal 1815 a oggi

Laterza

L'obiezione di coscienza nell'Italia liberale (1861-1919)

Youcanprint **Questo saggio storico illustra le vicende personali dei pionieri dell'obiezione di coscienza al servizio militare dell'Italia postunitaria. Tra gli elementi che vengono ripresi e approfonditi per spiegare la temperie culturale in cui questi primi obiettori si manifestarono, vi sono i crescenti diritti concessi dal neonato Regno d'Italia, le spinte ideali delle associazioni per la pace, la larga diffusione del pensiero di Tolstoj, l'eco del Risveglio religioso americano, la nonviolenza evangelica nonché le incoerenze e i tradimenti degli ideali cristiani da parte delle gerarchie ecclesiastiche di quasi ogni chiesa.**

Il lavoro delle donne nell’Italia contemporanea

Viella Libreria Editrice **Come sono cambiate, nella storia, le leggi e le obbligazioni morali che regolano il lavoro femminile? E come hanno influito sulle pratiche concrete? I mariti “normalmente” mantenevano le mogli, considerando incompatibile con il proprio onore la loro presenza negli spazi pubblici? Oppure le donne hanno sempre lavorato, in casa e fuori? Il lavoro era fonte di autostima e diritti o era solo una penosa incombenza cui ci si doveva rassegnare? Le domande sono molte e il dibattito è intenso, ma per la prima volta questa sintesi vuole offrire una risposta. Possiamo così ripercorrere una nuova storia delle italiane dall'Ottocento a oggi, seguendo per le varie figure professionali le tensioni fra rappresentazioni ed esperienze. Il racconto parte però da un breve flashback sul mondo antico, essenziale per impostare una storia del lavoro che sia anche culturale. Mestieri e soggetti ripopolano una scena dominata fino a oggi dal mito della fabbrica fordista: contadine e domestiche, setaiole e trecciaiole, sarte e ricamatrici. E poi telefoniste, commesse,**

dattilografe, maestre e infermiere, avvocatessa, donne medico e magistrato. Ma anche lavoratrici della casa, con il loro lavoro di cura, produttivo di beni e di valori, indispensabile alla vita e alla società. Fino alle giovani di oggi, esposte nuovamente alla precarietà e al disincanto di una rivoluzione incompiuta.

Ebrei a Roma tra Risorgimento ed emancipazione (1814-1914)

[Gangemi Editore spa](#) L'arco cronologico prescelto (1814-1914) riguarda il periodo che va dal ritorno a Roma di Pio VII (24 maggio 1814) - dopo l'esilio imposto da Napoleone - all'anno in cui fu inaugurato l'Oratorio Di Castro (1914). Quest'ultimo avvenimento per gli ebrei della Capitale concluse simbolicamente la fase dell'Emancipazione, prima dello spartiacque creato dallo scoppio della "Grande Guerra", che determinò la crisi dello Stato liberale a cui fece seguito l'avvento del fascismo.

The Anatomy of Fascism

[Penguin UK](#) Fascism was the major political invention of the twentieth century and the source of much of its pain. How can we try to comprehend its allure and its horror? Is it a philosophy, a movement, an aesthetic experience? What makes states and nations become fascist? Acclaimed historian Robert O. Paxton shows that in order to understand fascism we must look at it in action - at what it did, as much as what it said it was about. He explores its falsehoods and common threads; the social and political base that allowed it to prosper; its leaders and internal struggles; how it manifested itself differently in each country - France, Britain, the low countries, Eastern Europe, even Latin America as well as Italy and Germany; how fascists viewed the Holocaust; and, finally, whether fascism is still possible in today's world. Offering a bold new interpretation of the fascist phenomenon, this groundbreaking book will overturn our understanding of twentieth-century history.

History of the Grand Orient of Italy

The initiative to write this volume comes from the need to fill a bibliographic gap: no book in Masonic literature upon the history of Italian Freemasonry has been edited in English up to now. Thus, it aims to cover this lack and to enter those scholars referring to the English idiom into the history of the most eminent Obedience acting in Italy: the Grand Orient of Italy. The book consists of eight studies, written by young researchers devoted to this topic, and covers a span from the Eighteenth Century to the end of the WWII, tracing through an orderly temporal plot the story, the events and pursuits related to the Grand Orient of Italy.

Constants in Context

A Theology of Mission for Today

[Orbis Books](#) "Mission is handicapped without a sound biblical theology of mission and an understanding of the history of mission leading up to our current context. Constants in Context offers both of these elements. It is mission theology in historical perspective and/or a history of mission that is grounded theologically. The authors describe it as a systematic theology with mission at its core, and a church history shaped by the constant but always contextual Christian traditions. Furthermore it is a constructive contribution to how mission theology needs to be practical and lived out through today's church and in our world. Written collaboratively by Roman Catholic writers Stephen Bevans and Roger Schroeder, both Missionaries of the Divine Word (SVDs). It is a particularly insightful in regard to the history and the various streams of Catholic mission but it also addresses and learns from the other traditions of the church. In fact, one of the book's strengths is its attention to neglected aspects and hidden stories of church and mission history. As a result it is gratifying to be inspired by non-European mission, women in mission and various forgotten or often ignored branches of the church. The book is in three sections: first, there is a framework for cultural contexts and theological constants; second, an in-depth exploration of historical stages and different models for mission; and third, a presentation of theological frameworks for mission. The third section concludes with a case for 'mission as prophetic dialogue' being the most appropriate model for 21st century mission." -- Amazon.com.

Inventing a Nation

Washington, Adams, Jefferson

[Yale University Press](#) This New York Times bestseller offers "an unblinking view of our national heroes by one who cherishes them, warts and all" (New York Review of Books). In *Inventing a Nation*, National Book Award winner Gore Vidal transports the reader into the minds, the living rooms (and bedrooms), the convention halls, and the salons of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and others. We come to know these men, through Vidal's splendid prose, in ways we have not up to now—their opinions of each other, their worries about money, their concerns about creating a viable democracy. Vidal brings them to life at the key moments of decision in the birthing of our nation. He also illuminates the force and weight of the documents they wrote, the speeches they delivered, and the institutions of government by which we still live. More than two centuries later, America is still largely governed by the ideas championed by this triumvirate. The author of *Burr* and *Lincoln*, one of the master stylists of American literature and most acute observers of American life, turns his immense literary and historiographic talent to a portrait of these formidable men

The Nation, Europe, and the World

Textbooks and Curricula in Transition

[Berghahn Books](#) Textbooks in history, geography & the social sciences provide important insights to the ways in which societies function. Based on case studies from Europe, Japan & the United States, this volume shows how concepts of space & time have changed people's view of their countries & of the world as a whole.

The Revolt of Naples

[Polity](#) The publication in English of this classic work will be welcomed by students and researchers in early modern European history, culture and politics. The Revolt of Naples examines one of the major events in the years of 'revolution' in Europe in the 1640s: the revolt by the people of the Kingdom of Naples against the Spanish monarchy which ruled over them. Villari analyses the preconditions of the revolt, going back to its roots in the late 16th Century and discussing economic, social and political developments in the Kingdom.

Pope and Devil

The Vatican's Archives and the Third Reich

[Harvard University Press](#) Wolf presents astonishing findings from the recently opened Vatican archives--discoveries that clarify the relations between National Socialism and the Vatican. He vividly illuminates the inner workings of the Vatican.

Napoleon's Hundred Days and the Politics of Legitimacy

[Springer](#) This book examines the politics of legitimacy as they played out across Europe in response to Napoleon's dramatic return to power in France after his exile to Elba in 1814. Napoleon had to re-establish his claim to power with initially minimal military resources. Moreover, as the rest of Europe united against him, he had to marshal popular support for his new regime, while simultaneously demanding men and money to back what became an increasingly inevitable military campaign. The initial return - known as 'the flight of the eagle' - gradually turned into a dogged attempt to bolster support using a range of mechanisms, including constitutional amendments, elections, and public ceremonies. At the same time, his opponents had to marshal their resources to challenge his return, relying on populations already war-weary and resentful of the costs they had had to bear. The contributors to this volume explore how, for both sides, cultural politics became central in supporting or challenging the legitimacy of these political orders in the path to Waterloo.

The Oxford History of Britain

The Arab-Israeli Conflict, Third Edition

[Palgrave MacMillan](#) The struggle between Arab and Jew over the same piece of land has been one of the world's most entrenched conflicts repeatedly defying attempts at a resolution. This edition takes into account the death of Arafat, the implications of the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, and Hama's electoral victory in 2006.

A History of Violence

From the End of the Middle Ages to the Present

[Polity](#) Violence is so much in the news today that we may find it hard to believe that it is less prevalent than it was in the past. But this is exactly what the distinguished historian Robert Muchembled argues in this major new work on the history of violence. He shows that brutality and homicide have been in decline since the thirteenth century. The thesis of a 'civilizing process', of a gradual taming, even sublimation, of violence, seems, therefore, to be well-founded. How are we to explain this decline in public displays of aggression? What mechanisms have modernizing societies employed to repress and control violence? The increasingly strict social control of unmarried, male adolescents, together with the coercive education imposed on this age group, are central to Muchembled's explanation. Masculine violence gradually disappeared from public space, to become concentrated in the home. Meanwhile, a vast popular literature, precursor of the modern mass media, came to play a cathartic role: the duels of *The Three Musketeers* and the amazing exploits of *Fantômas*, as described in the new crime literature invented in the nineteenth century, now helped to purge the violent impulses. And yet we seem, in the first few years of the twenty-first century, to be witnessing a resurgence of violence, especially among the youths of the inner cities. How should we understand this resurgence in relation to the long history of violence in the West?

Annales Cambraë

La lucha por el poder

Europa 1815-1914

[Editorial Crítica](#) Este es un libro realmente extraordinario: la obra más original y madura de Richard J. Evans. Definirlo como una historia de Europa entre la caída de Napoleón y el estallido de la primera guerra mundial resulta insuficiente; porque lo que Evans nos ofrece es una apasionante interpretación de la formación del mundo moderno, a través de una serie de ventanas que no sólo se abren sobre un panorama de gobiernos, guerras y revoluciones, sino que nos describen el cambio de la sociedad (la emancipación de los siervos, la formación de la clase obrera...), la conquista de la naturaleza, la expresión de las emociones... Hasta llegar a la época en que los conflictos internos y la rivalidad entre las potencias imperiales condujo al estallido de la Gran Guerra. Evans construye con estos materiales un relato fascinante, puntuado por las vidas de una serie de personajes arrastrados por las corrientes de su tiempo.

Dizionario del dialetto veneziano

The Life of Samuel Johnson, LL.D.

Comprehending an Account of His Studies and Numerous Works, in Chronological Order; a Series of His Epistolary Correspondence; and Conversations with Many Eminent Persons ...

The Rise and Fall of Prussia

[Plunkett Lake Press](#) Sebastian Haffner regarded himself as “a Prussian with a British passport.” In this overview of Prussia’s 170-year history as an independent state, he depicts Prussia’s evolution from a sensational 18th century success story - “a state based on law, one of the first in Europe” - to its absorption into the Third Reich where “the rule of law was the first thing that Hitler abolished.” In this succinct and readable book, Haffner argues that Hitler’s racial and nationality policy was the opposite of Prussia’s and Hitler’s political style, the very opposite of Prussian. “In his short book *The Rise and Fall of Prussia* Haffner combines a critical examination with a declaration of love for a state which always lived beyond its means ... but which managed to combine material poverty with intellectual grandeur.” — Michael Stürmer, *Welt am Sonntag* “Haffner sees Prussia’s history as the 'tragedy of a purely rational state'. An agglomeration of arbitrary territories, it made a virtue of its artificiality, adapting to the enlightenment and then to romanticism, but finally also to nationalism, betraying the basis of its statehood and leading to its ultimate destruction.” — Chrisian Roth, *Akademische Blätter* “Haffner long regarded himself as a 'Prussian with a British passport'. He identified with Prussia and its achievements: general compulsory schooling (1717), the abolition of torture (1740), the establishment of religious toleration (1740), Bismarck’s welfare state (1883), the medical giants Virchow, Koch, von Behring, the intellectual giants Kant, von Humboldt and von Schlegel, and much more. At the end of his book he recounted the (often-ignored) expulsion of millions of Prussians from their homeland in 1945. 'It was an atrocity, the final atrocity of a war which had more than its share in atrocities, admittedly begun by Germany under Hitler.' His message is very relevant today, when he praises those expelled for rejecting revenge and having the courage to say, 'This is enough.'” — David Childs, *The Independent*

Dutch Civilization in the Seventeenth Century

[Burns & Oates](#)

The Origins of the Second World War

[Routledge](#) The book explores the reasons why the Second World War broke out in September 1939 and not sooner, and why a European war expanded into world war by 1941. The war has usually been seen simply as Hitler’s war and yet the wider conflict that broke out when Germany invaded Poland was not the war that Hitler wanted. He had hoped for a short war against Poland; instead, Britain and France declared war on Germany. Richard Overy argues that any explanation of the outbreak of hostilities must therefore be multi-national and he shows how the war’s origins are to be found in the basic instability of the international system that was brought about by the decline of the old empires of Britain and France and the rise of ambitious new powers, Italy, Germany and Japan, keen to build new empires of their own.

Bari 1943: the second Pearl Harbor

[Soldiershop Publishing](#) The night bombardment of Bari on December 2nd, 1943 was a dramatic action carried out at low altitude by Luftwaffe aircraft, with the aim of attacking the transport ships of an important convoy that was in the port under unloading in the docks, and that had been reported in the morning by the German air reconnaissance. Bari had been reached by British troops on September 11th following the events of Italy’s surrender, and most of the supplies that flowed there were destined for General Montgomery’s 8th Army, and for the US Air Force whose heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force had installed themselves in the airports of Puglia, in particular Foggia, to beat German targets in Germany and the Balkans from the south. On the evening of December 2nd, 105 Junker 88 bombers from six bombing groups took off from the airports of northern Italy and 88 of them attacked the target with disastrous effects for the Allies, success achieved with the loss of two Ju. 88. The attack caused heavy losses to the Anglo-Americans, who had not suffered such a devastating surprise air raid since the Japanese attacked the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. The ships sunk in Bari, including those of small tonnage, were 21 and another 12 more or less damaged. The wrecks of the sunken ships caused the blockade of the port for three weeks, with the result that the Anglo-Americans had to use the ports of Brindisi and Taranto to land and air supplies, in order not to delay the advance in Italy. Particularly serious and alarming was the sinking by explosion of the ammunition cargo of the American Liberty ship John Harvey, which also carried 2,000 deadly mustard bombs for 1,350 tons, from whose holds leaked a large quantity of chemicals of that deadly toxic gas, which not only contaminated the waters of the port but killed more than 1,000 soldiers and civilians in the area, which represented one of the greatest ecological disasters of all time.

Britons

Forging the Nation, 1707-1837

[Yale University Press](#) "Controversial, entertaining and alarmingly topical ... a delight to read." Philip Ziegler, *Daily Telegraph*

Napoleon's Integration of Europe

[Routledge](#) Histories of the Napoleonic period are almost exclusively biographies of the man, or political-military accounts of his wars. But such wars were only the first stage in a far more ambitious programme; the establishment of a rational state which would force the pace of modernising society. Through an examination of the experiences of French domination, *Napoleon's Integration of Europe* explores the implications of such a project for France and its relationship with the rest of Europe. It examines the problems of ruling a progressively expanding empire, as seen through the eyes of a trained corps of bureaucrats who were convinced that their scientific methods would enable them to understand and govern the mechanisms of society. However it also looks at the populations subjected to French rule, at the nature of their resistance and adaptation to the principles of the Napoleonic project. This book is the first overall comparative study of Europe in the Napoleonic years. It is a study not only of an early exercise in imperialism, but of the conflict that is aroused between the rationalising tendencies of the modern state and the spatial and cultural heterogeneity of individual societies. As well as a history of France, it is also a history of Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Poland and Spain at a crucial moment in the history of each nation state.

Neuroscience

For over 25 years, Purves *Neuroscience* has been the most comprehensive and clearly written neuroscience textbook on the market. This level of excellence continues in the 6th Edition, with a balance of animal, human, and clinical studies that discuss the dynamic field of neuroscience from cellular signaling to cognitive function.

Marche

Jewish Itineraries : Places, History and Art

A guidebook to the Marche region in Italy, arranged alphabetically. For each town, relates briefly the history of the Jewish community. Mentions instances of persecution in the medieval and modern periods, as well as the fate of some communities in the Holocaust. The main entries are on Ancona (pp. 23-43), Pesaro (pp. 119-131), and Urbino (pp. 162-183), cities with a strong Converso population from Portugal. Describes the ghettos of these cities.

Vienna, 1814

How the Conquerors of Napoleon Made Love, War, and Peace at the Congress of Vienna

[Harmony](#) Details the 1814 Congress of Vienna, offering portraits of the participants and discussing the political intrigues, illicit affairs, tangled alliances, and bitter rivalries that marked the occasion that transformed the face of nineteenth-century Europe.

Italy Before Italy

Institutions, Conflicts and Political Hopes in the Italian States, 1815-1860

[Routledge](#) Italian unification is one of the pivotal events in European history but the period leading up to Risorgimento has often been analysed in less detail. This book focuses on the history of the Italian states between 1815 and 1860 focusing on state institutions, international relations, economic and fiscal policies, living conditions and culture.

The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy

Emilio Gentile decodes Italy culturally, going beyond political and social dimensions that explain Italy's Fascist past in terms of class, or the cynicism of its leaders, or modernizing and expansionist ambitions.

Europe Under Napoleon

[Bloomsbury Publishing](#) Napoleon Bonaparte dominated the public life of Europe like no other individual before him. Not surprisingly, the story of the man himself has usually swamped the stories of his subjects. This book looks at the history of the Napoleonic Empire from an entirely new perspective - that of the ruled rather than the ruler. Michael Broers concentrates on the experience of the people of Europe - particularly the vast majority of Napoleon's subjects who were neither French nor willing participants in the great events of the period - during the dynamic but short-lived career of Napoleon, when half of the European continent fell under his rule.

History of Universities

Volume XXIV/1&2

[Oxford University Press](#) Volume XXIV of History of Universities contains the customary mix of learned articles, book reviews, and bibliographical information, which makes this publication such an indispensable tool for the historian of higher education. Its contributions range widely geographically, chronologically, and in subject-matter.

Making History

Agency, Structure, and Change in Social Theory

[BRILL](#) This republication gives a new generation of readers access to an important intervention in Marxism and social theory. Making History is about the question of how human agents draw their powers from the social structures they are involved in.

De Excidio Britanniae

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Design

The Key Concepts

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