# ISTITUTO BRUNO LEONI ACHIEVEMENTS 2024



## **OVERVIEW**

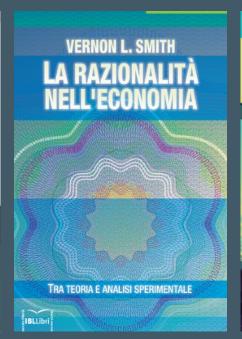
- Istituto Bruno Leoni is the Italian free-market think tank. Its mission is to spread the ideas of markets and free initiative, and to promote a more knowledgeable and informed public debate.
- Our Institute is supported by private grants, donations, and the sponsorship of its production (studies, events). IBL is independent from any political party.
- IBL operates with a small, dedicated **staff of 9** and is supported by 9 Research Fellows and some 20 contributing Fellows. The Institute is administered by a Board of Directors and advised by a Steering Board.

### **OUTPUT**

- In addition to its regular presence on **national media** (op-eds published on the main Italian newspapers, radio- and TV-interviews, etc.) IBL publishes **books** and original **research papers**.
- To date, since 2003 we have published some 580 papers, 250 books (by IBL Libri, our inhouse publishing house) and some 60 books with other publishers.
- The **eight books series** published by IBL Libri offer titles in paperback, e-book and audiobook format and range from public policy studies, political and social science essays, and overviews of the work of lesser-known writers.













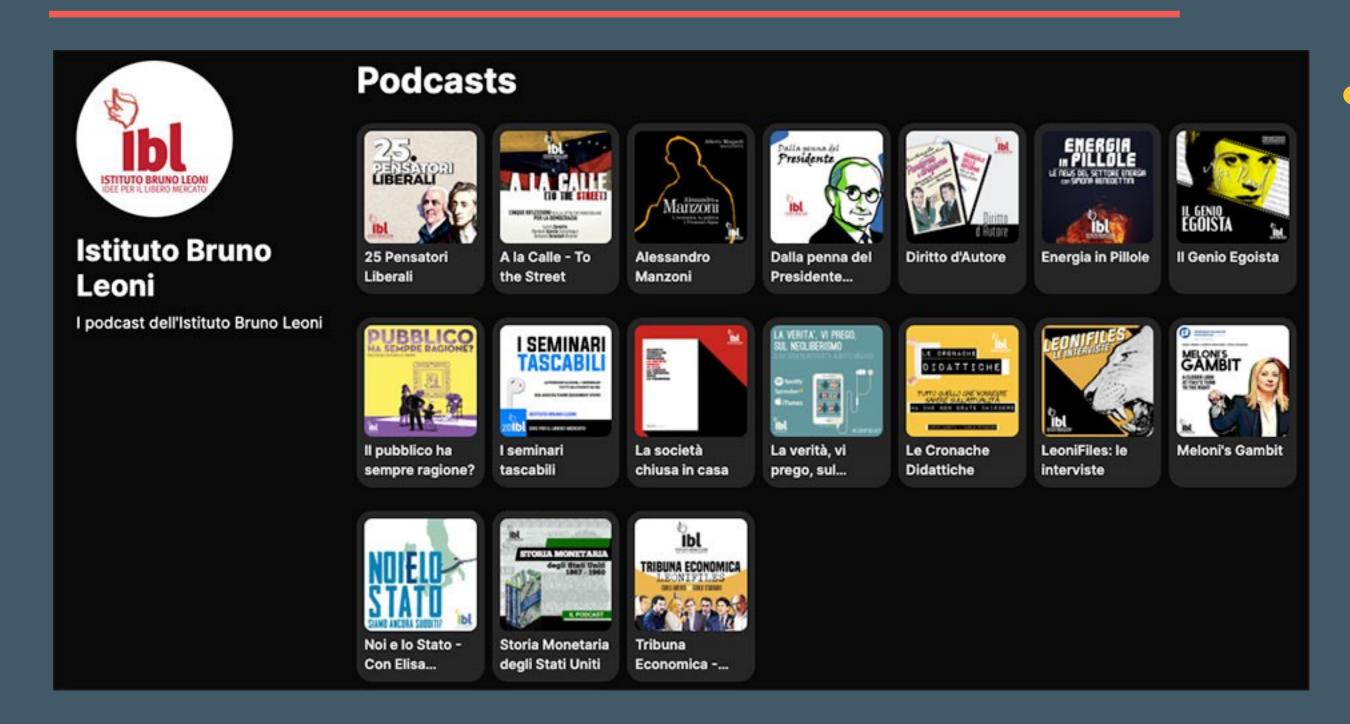






# ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

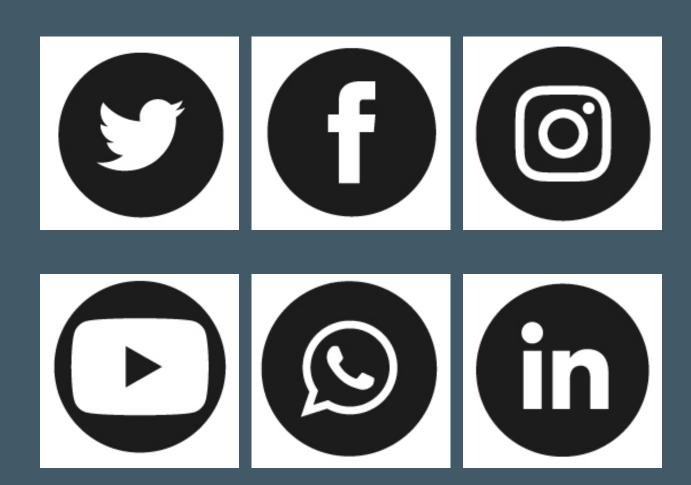
## **PODCASTS**



• In 2019 we have started our first podcast show (LeoniFiles, over 200 podcasts to date). Our offerings have grown to a total of 19 shows (either regular broadcasts or occasional short series dedicated to a specific topic)

- Overall, we have over 55,600 downloads from all platforms
- On average we have some 5,600 monthly listeners

## SOCIAL MEDIA



- IBL is actively present on the major social networks and boasts of a steadily growing number of followers.
- In 2024 we have recorded a **steady growth** in views and followers:
  - Youtube: + 100% views
  - IG: +1,100 followers
  - Linkedin: +800 followers
  - Twitter: +1,800 followers

# IBL NELLE SCUOLE

- In 2014 IBL has launched the "IBL in Schools" program, offering basic economics lectures to high schools in Italy.
- Our lectures are available as prerecorded videos, online webinars or in-person lectures. The whole package is offered free of charge to schools.
- Our IBL nelle Scuole program is virtually unique in Europe.



 INEV (Czech Republic) organizes both classroom lectures and seminars for teachers, but only since 2016



• Libinst (Czech Liberal Institute) has been organizing summer schools for 20 years



• IES Europe (Romania) organizes **summer schools**. They seem more academically oriented, however



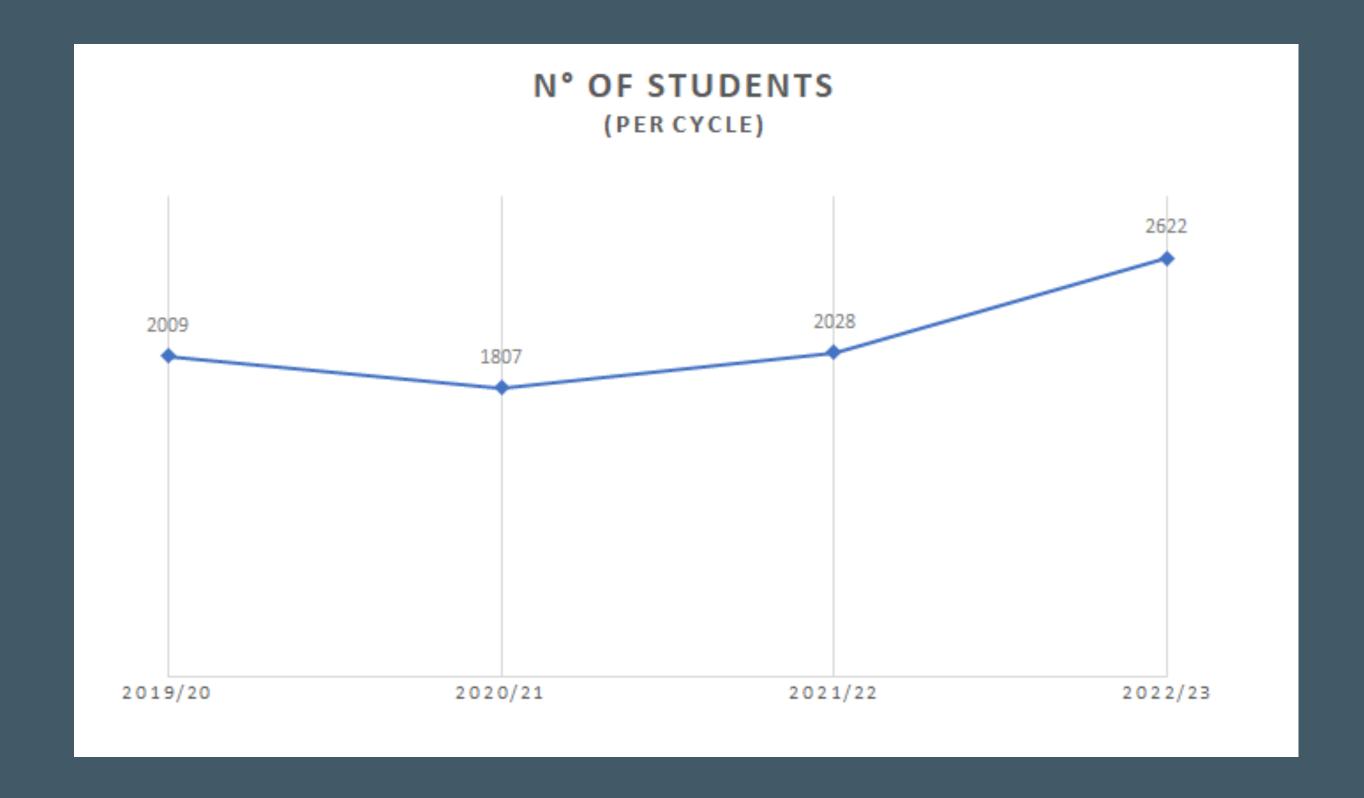
• LFMI (Lithuania) does something similar to us, but with a **smaller program** (materials for professors and only 3 classes they do themselves)



• IEA focuses on **undergraduates**. They only have a program for **A-levels** 

# IBL NELLE SCUOLE

• Over 50% of participating teachers sign up for the following school year.



School Year	Students
2019-20	2009
2020-2I	1807
2021-22	2028
2022-23	2622
2023-24	2600

# BUSINESS DYNAMISM IN ITALIAN HISTORY









In recent years, IBL has conducted a thorough research in **the history of Italy's economic development**, under the leadership of Nicola Rossi, full Professor of Economic History at University Roma 3

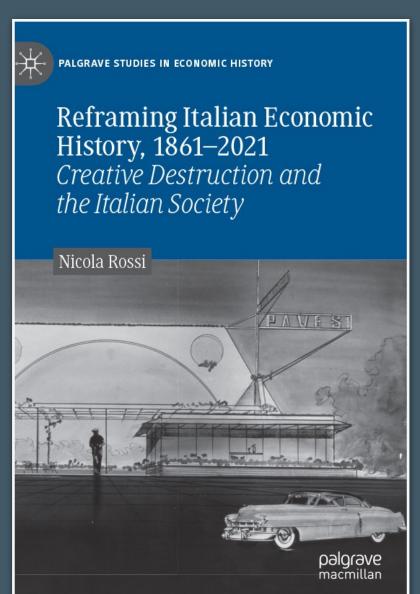
IBL has digitalized and analyzed the records of the establishment and/or closing of businesses of all types for a selected number of Italian chambers of commerce, 1910 to the present

The currently available dataset is online at https://dinamismo.brunoleoni.com/

The website is set to be updated with the results of further research

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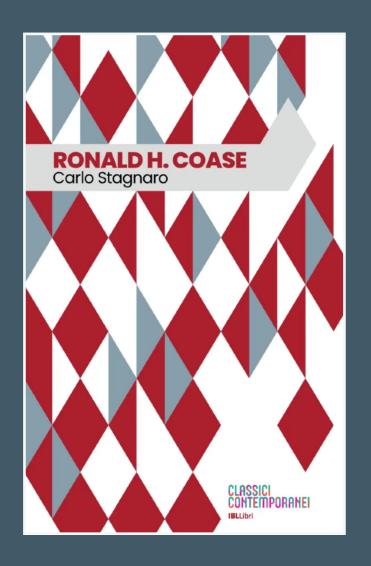


On the basis of the data heretofore collected professor Rossi completed an engaging and pathbreaking analysis of Italy's growth since unification, published in English by Palgrave-Macmillan and in Italian by IBL Libri

Looking at business dynamism through Italian history, Nicola Rossi finds that Italy had a very short window of time in which it **generated businesses at a substantial rate**: roughly, the period 1956-1971

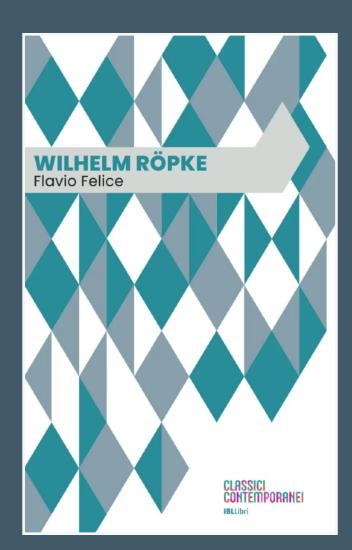
Professor Rossi finds that the short period of the Italian economic boom showed the predominance of **other cultural traits**, due to the government taking a **hands-off** rather than a paternalistic attitude.

# BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2024



#### Ronal H. Coase

Carlo Stagnaro
This book traces Coase's major
insights: ideas that have inspired
generations of scholars and
transformed the world we live in.



#### Wilhelm Röpke

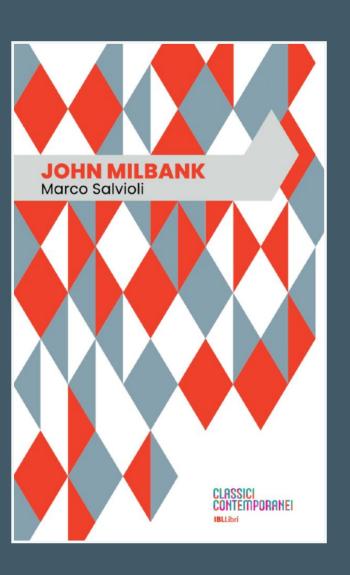
Flavio Felice
German economist and opponent
of National Socialism, Wilhelm
Röpke (1899-1966) is considered
among the fathers of Social Market
Economics.



#### I miei viaggi nella teoria economica

Edmund Phelps

In this book, Phelps offers a personal account of a highly successful career, culminating in the Nobel Prize, a career marked by the constant search for new ideas, alternative viewpoints, different perspectives.



#### John Milbank

Marco Salvioli

The social theology developed by Milbank: the role of Christianity in the genesis of today's democracies and its contribution to redefining their policies through the enhancement of intermediate bodies

# BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2024



#### Un miracolo non fa il santo

Nicola Rossi

This book captures the essence of Italian history after unification, assesses the successes and failures of the Italian economy, will likely influence the public debate on Italian politics,



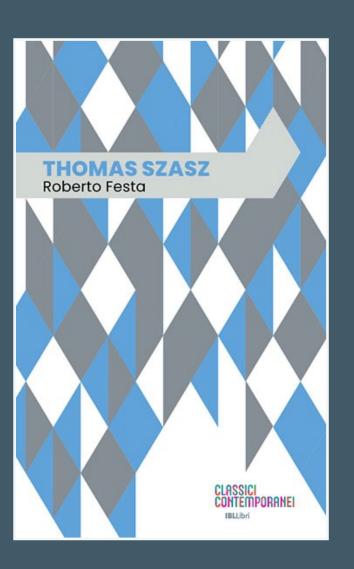
#### Sviluppo e dignità

Tom G. Palmer – Matt Warner This book shows that increased prosperity can only be achieved when people are valued as selfgoverning agents.



# Le sfide delle oplitiche digitali in Europa

Serena Sileoni – Carlo Stagnaro Is European regulation of digital markets and artificial intelligence a fair form of rebalancing powers and rights in digital markets or one of the reasons for Europe's struggle to be a place of innovation?

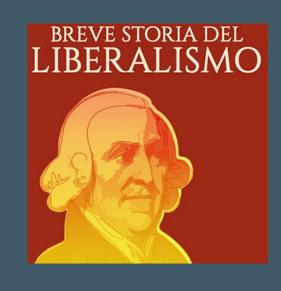


#### Thomas Szasz

Roberto Festa

Hungarian-born U.S. psychiatrist and political philosopher, Thomas Szasz was a central figure in the post-World War II debate on the relationship between psychiatry, politics, and libertarian thought

## ONLINE COURSES











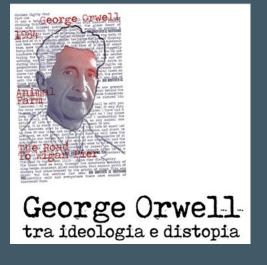


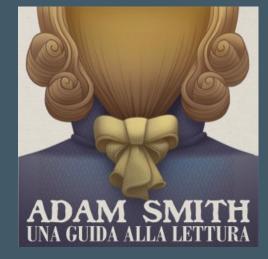












- In 2020 IBL decided to launch a series of online courses to offer an in-depth educational opportunity to the general public.
- We offer both fee-based and free courses.
- The response was satisfactory: we have reached up to 100 paying participants per course, while the videos of our most recent free course have some 1,000 visualizations each.

## NEW ONLINE COURSES IN 2024

• In 2024 we have added three new courses:



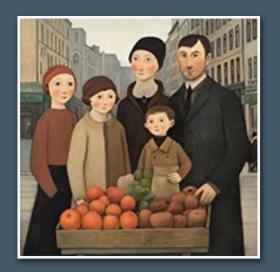
Competition in Digital Markets to investigate the new dynamics of online competition and the effects of European regulations.

We have recorded over 8,200 views for this course



Guide to the Liberalization of Energy Markets. A short primer on the recent reform of the Italian consumer market for energy

We have recorded some 3,000 views for this course



An Introduction to the Social Market Economy: an investigation of the thinkers and insights of the German economists that laid the ground for the "economic miracle" in the post-war years

Set to start on November 14

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT