



L'ISTITUTO BRUNO LEONI IN 2018



In 2018 Istituto Bruno Leoni (IBL) continued its mission of promoting a genuinely classical liberal perspective in the Italian public debate, as well as abroad. Through its studies, books, the organization of conferences and seminars, the publication of articles in the Italian and international press, as well as by means of its educational efforts, in the past 12 months IBL endeavoured to shape the public opinion and to grow a new generation of liberty-loving scholars and opinion-makers.

In 2018 Istituto Bruno Leoni was rated as the 134th best think tank in the world by the University of Pennsylvania's "Global Go To Think Thank Index," which surveys over 8,000 think tanks all over the world.

Research

The team of young researchers of Istituto Bruno Leoni have published in 2018 **9** Briefing Papers (in-depth studies of public policies) and **10** Focus (more approachable, yet rigorous takes on current policy issues). IBL's studies are often quoted and reported on in the media.

Moreover, in 2018 IBL published **3** Occasional Papers by notable scholars (William H. Prior, Peter J. Boettke and Natale D'Amico), two updates of our **SuperIndice** (a synthetic comparative appraisal the state of the Italian public finances) and a *Handbook on Reforms* delivered to all the Members of the newly-elected Parliament.



la Repubblica



Affari&Finanza - La Repubblica, 24 settembre 2018
Negozi chiusi la domenica: la controriforma del governo mette a rischio 40mila posti

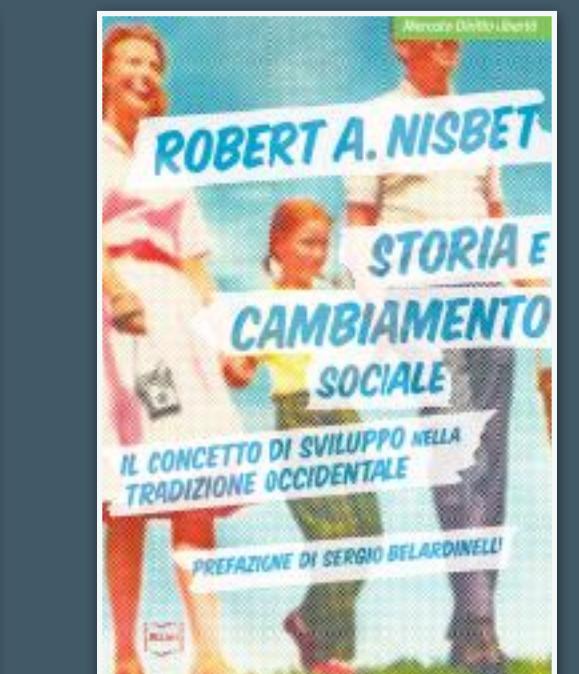
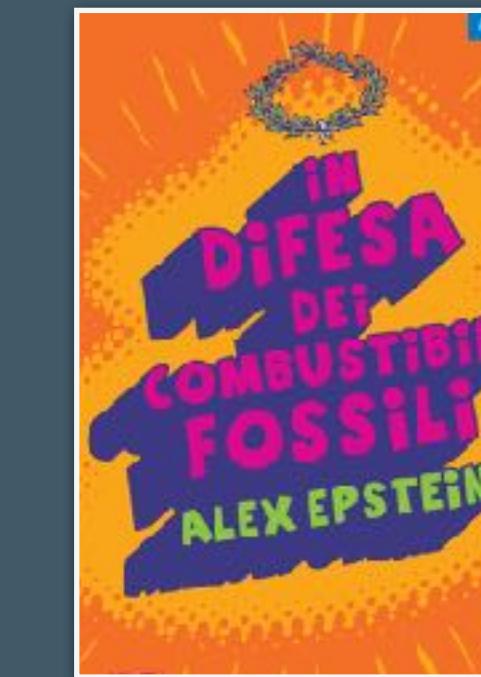
La Gazzetta dello Sport 11 settembre 2018
I negozi chiusi di domenica: Di Maio frena “Si farà a turno”

La Repubblica 31 gennaio 2019
Negozi chiusi alla domenica, ora la partita entra nel vivo

L'Economia del Corriere della Sera - 3 maggio 2018
Italia, l'arma spuntata dell'Euro: il Superindice IBL

IBL Libri

In the past year IBL Libri (the publishing arm of Istituto Bruno Leoni) published 14 books (6 original works and 8 translations of foreign books).



Cosa succede se usciamo dall'Euro? (What Happens if We Leave the Euro?) brought into the pre-election public debate the issue of the impact of a return to a national currency. The book was widely mentioned in the media and elicited a good deal of discussion among observers of all political persuasions, both before and after the general election.



L'Economia del Corriere della Sera, 17 settembre 2018
Perché sono guai se l'euro si rompe?



La Stampa, 21 settembre 2018
Maroni svela la strategia di Salvini per le europee



Rai Radio 1-Zapping, 29 settembre 2018
Partecipazione di Carlo Stagnaro



Italia Oggi, 3 ottobre 2018
Il costo dell'uscita dall'Euro



**COSA SUCCEDA SE USCIAMO
DALL'EURO?**
 a cura di **Carlo Stagnaro**

With *Il pubblico ha sempre ragione? Presente e futuro delle politiche culturali* (Is the Public Always Right? Present and Future of Cultural Policies) IBL reflected on the role of the State in the cultural domain and how a different perspective from the dominant “state-centric” one can encourage the arts. The book was presented in several Italian cities and was well received in the national press, as well as being the focus of a national broadcast radio talk show.



Fahrenheit, RAI Radio 3, 17 ottobre 2018
Ripensare lo spazio della cultura



Il Foglio, 17 ottobre 2018
Vogliamo cultura o politica culturale?



Il Giornale, 13 dicembre 2018
La cultura è ostaggio dei burocrati statali, per liberarla servono pluralismo e mercato

IL PUBBLICO HA SEMPRE RAGIONE?

PRESENTE E FUTURO DELLE POLITICHE CULTURALI

A CURA DI FILIPPO CAVAZZONI
 PREFAZIONE DI GUIDO VITIELLO



In Lasciare in pace gli altri. Una prospettiva etica is the Italian translation of John Lachs' Meddling: On the Virtue of Leaving Others Alone. Society and – importantly – the government are full of people who seem to know what is good for us better than we do ourselves. Lachs discusses the joy of choice and the rare virtue of leaving others alone to lead their lives as they see fit, thus allowing vital and sustainable communities to emerge.



Il Giornale, 23 settembre 2018
Desideri essere libero? Lascia in pace gli altri



La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno, 30 giugno 2018
L'etica «democratica» di lasciare in pace gli altri (e se stessi)



Il Giornale, 29 giugno 2018
Ecco perché lasciare in pace il prossimo è un obbligo morale



In late 2018 IBL Libri published the Italian translation of Johan Norberg's *Progress: Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future*. The book is a useful and timely reminder of the astonishing progress in our circumstances, which have reached unimaginable levels compared with the past human history. Whatever the indicators we choose to use, we can see that our lives are better and longer than ever. All this was enabled by the pre-eminent place assigned to individual liberty, an open economy and the scientific method.



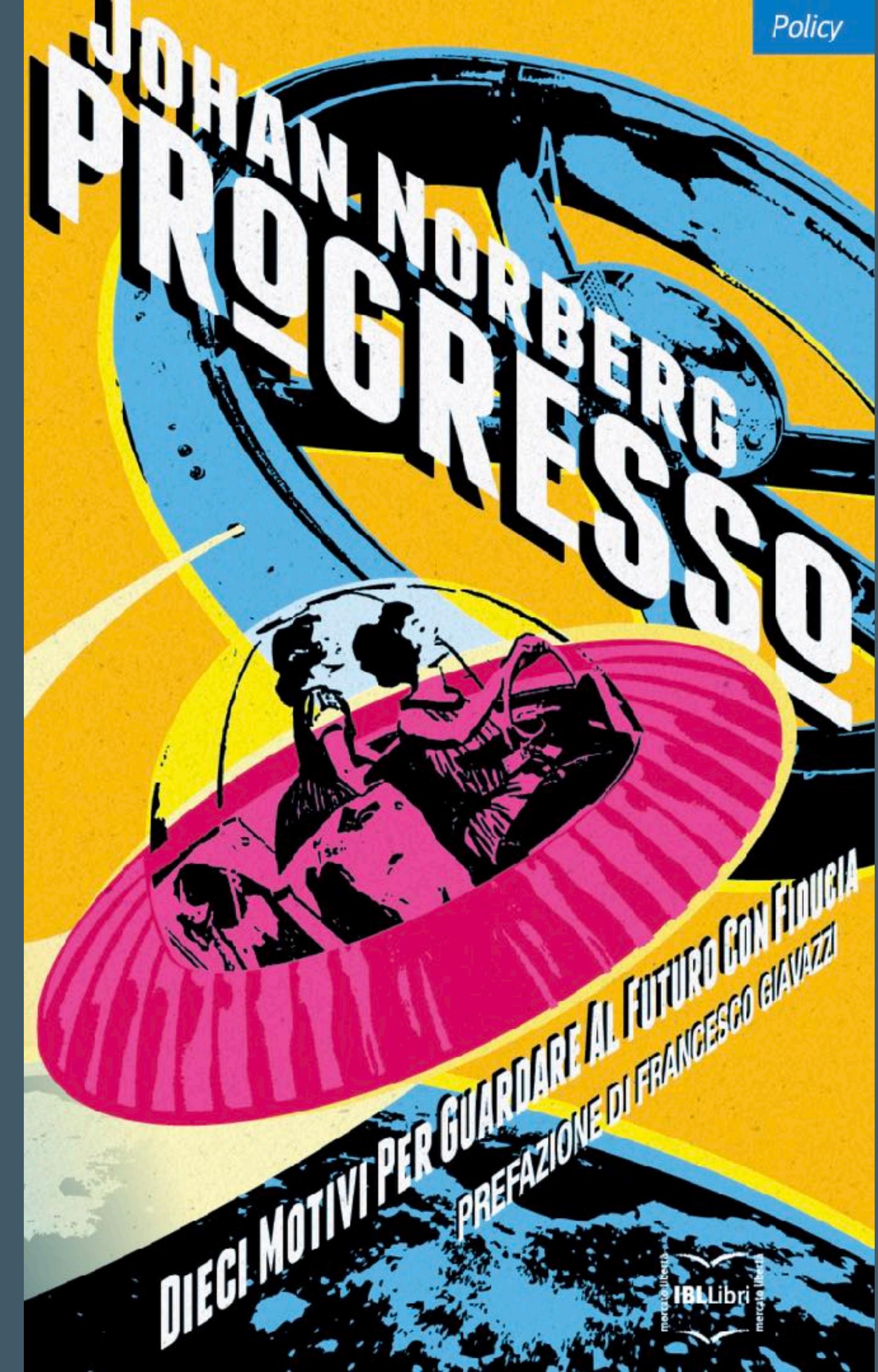
Domenica-**Il Sole 24 Ore**, 10 febbraio 2019
Sta andando tutto molto bene



Il Foglio, 27 febbraio 2019
Progresso. Dieci motivi per guardare al futuro con fiducia



F, 6 marzo 2019
Oggi stiamo tutti così bene



Events

In 2018 IBL organized over 60 events: conferences, cycles of lectures, seminars, and presentations of books, issued either by IBL or by other publishers.

The proceedings of IBL's events are recorded and the videos uploaded on its YouTube channel.



**8 February 2018 – Milan
Flat Tax
Presentation of the book by Nicola Rossi**



**21 September 2018 – Milan
Cosa succede se usciamo dall'euro?
Presentation of the book edited by Carlo Stagnaro**



21 March 2018 – Milan

**Perché non dobbiamo preoccuparci
della disoccupazione tecnologica
Lecture by Deirdre N. McCloskey**



21 June 2018 - Rome

**Il sistema audiovisivo. Evoluzione e
dimensioni economiche
Presentation of the e-Media Institute –
Istituto Bruno Leoni Report 2018**



4 May 2018 – Milan

**Financial Stability and the Corruption
of Central Banks
Seminar with Geoffrey Wood**



8 October 2018 – Milan

**Freedom Inc.
Presentazione del libro di Brian M.
Carney e Isaac Getz**



16 May 2018 – AGCOM Rome

L'economia dei Dati



12 November 2018 – Milan

**Libertà e architettura: ripensando la
città
Incontro con Patrik Schumacher**

Bruno Leoni Prize

On November 12th IBL hosted its annual dinner in Milan. As always, the dinner coincided with the awarding ceremony of the Bruno Leoni Prize: named after our namesake Bruno Leoni, this award is meant to recognize individuals who achieved significant contributions to the cause of liberty.

In the last few years, awardees included Nobel Laureate Mario Vargas Llosa, historian Richard Pipes, economist Deirdre McCloskey and, in 2017, Leopoldo Lopez, the imprisoned leader of the Venezuelan resistance.

In 2018 we recognized the achievements of Canan Arin, a lawyer and human rights activist who struggles against the practice of under-age marriages in her native Turkey.





IBL for the young

IBL's efforts are also aimed to bring the younger generations closer to the classical liberal ideas, in order to make them familiar with thinker and theories that lead, not only to a deeper understanding, but also to a positive attitude towards the underlying principles of a free society.



XII MISES SEMINAR



A two-day international seminar aimed at young free-market scholars and PhD candidates. A number of young scholars had the opportunity to present their original work, which is later commented by a senior scholar and discussed by the audience.

The 12th Mises Seminar was held in Sestri Levante on 13-14 October and saw the participation of two distinguished keynote speakers: Terence Kealey (Visiting Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, Washington DC) and George Selgin (Director, Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives at the Cato Institute, Washington DC).

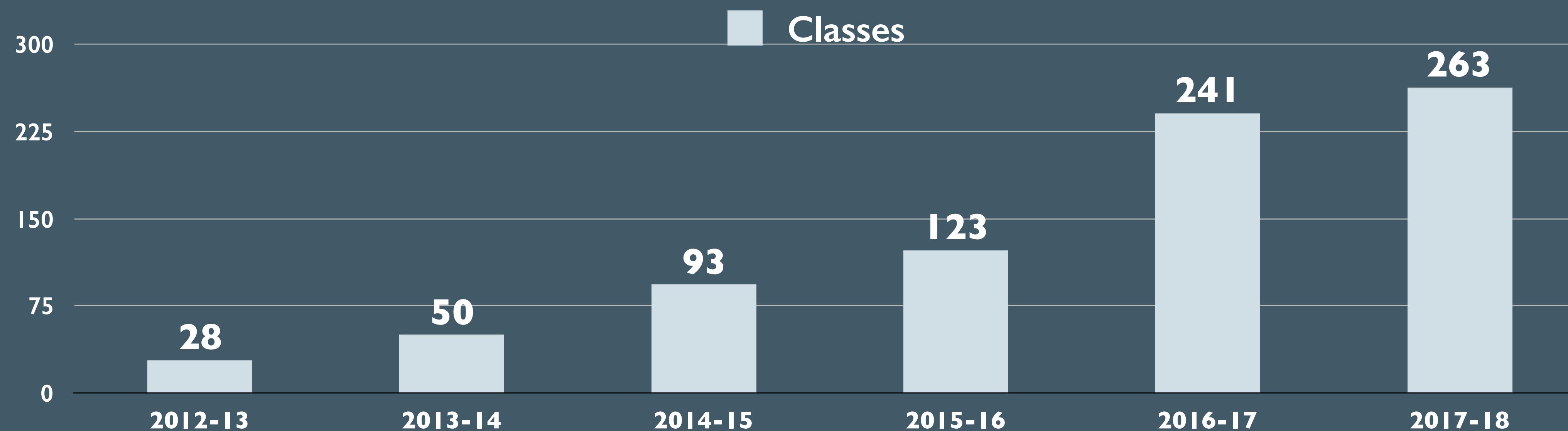
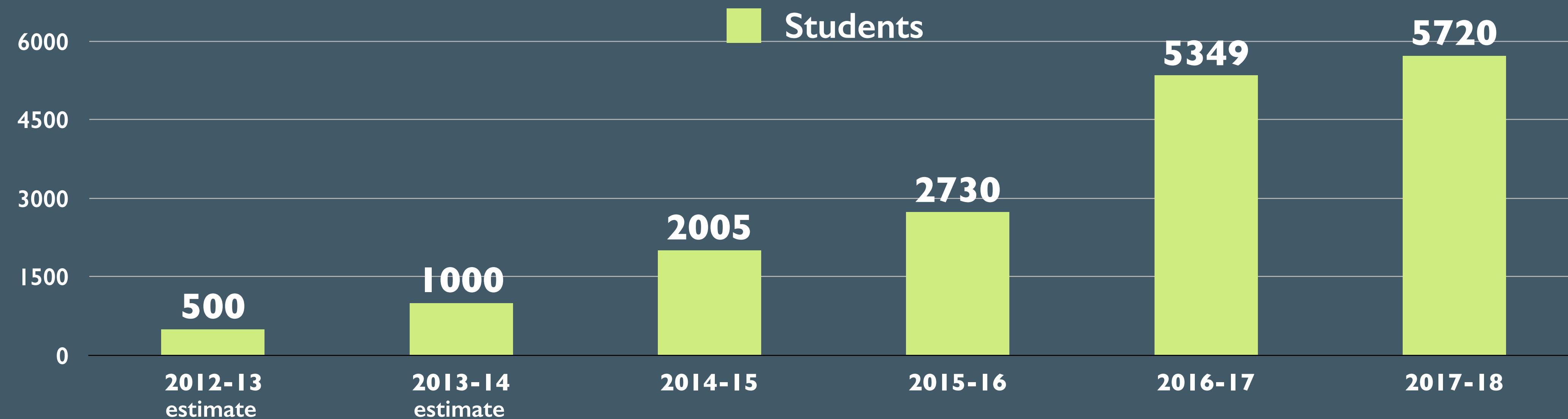


IBL NELLE SCUOLE

IBL nelle scuole is a program of basic economic education we offer in selected high schools in Italy. The aim is to make both students and teachers acquainted with critically important economic ideas which will help them to resist the lure of widespread misconceptions and distortions in the public discourse.

In 2018 IBL also organized two training seminars for high school teachers (one in Milan, one in Salerno) to disseminate the best teaching practices for economics, in collaboration with AEEE (the Association for European Economic Education, an officially recognized organization).



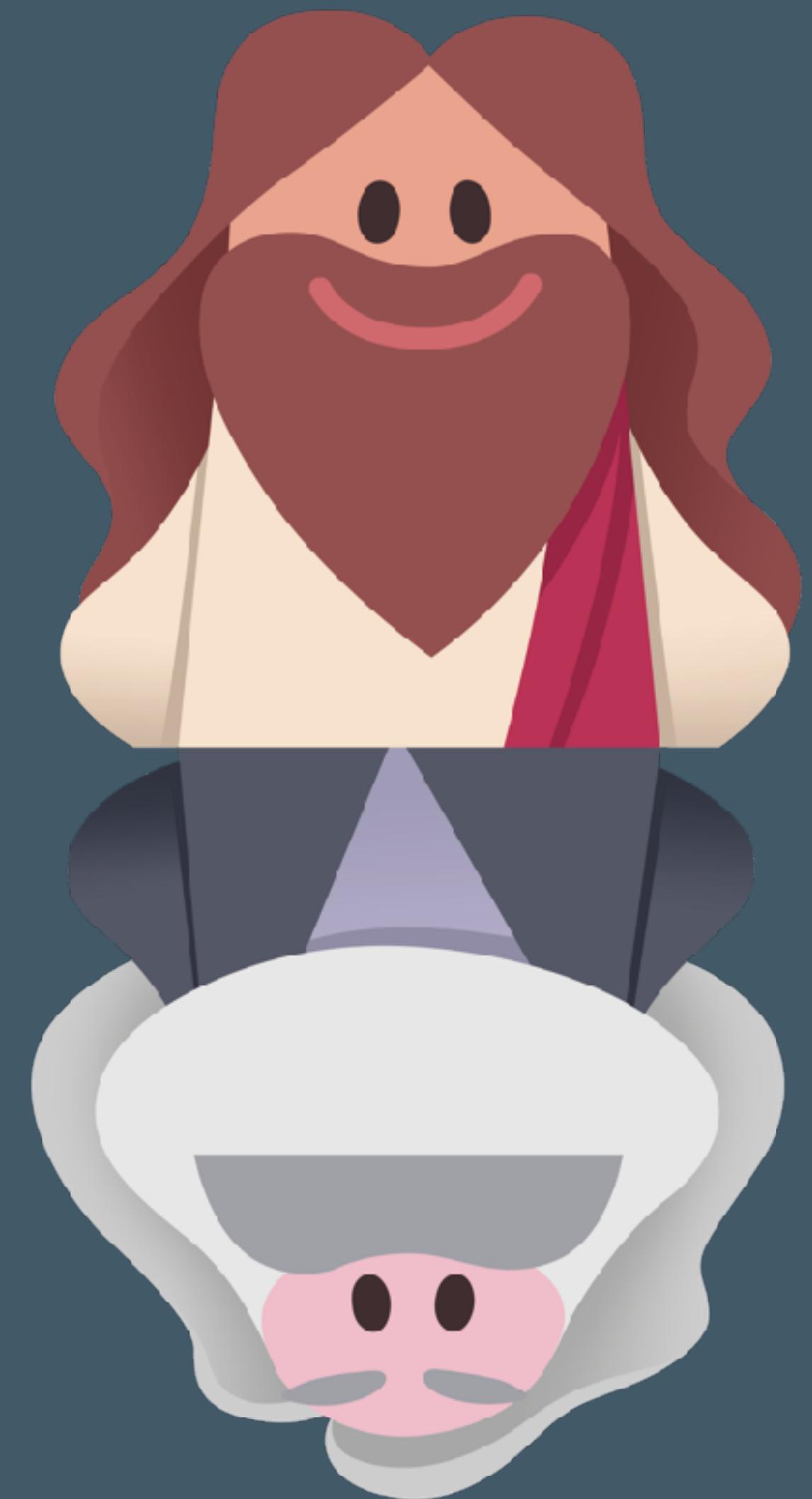


This year we have complemented our lectures with new educational materials for teachers and students. In particular, we asked the professional artist Giorgio Vallorani to devise 5 comics book stories, each accompanied by a short video animation and which were collected in a single volume titled *What Really Happens If...* This project focused on the notion of the unintended consequences of public policies, to enable them to grasp a fundamental concept that underlies all human actions.

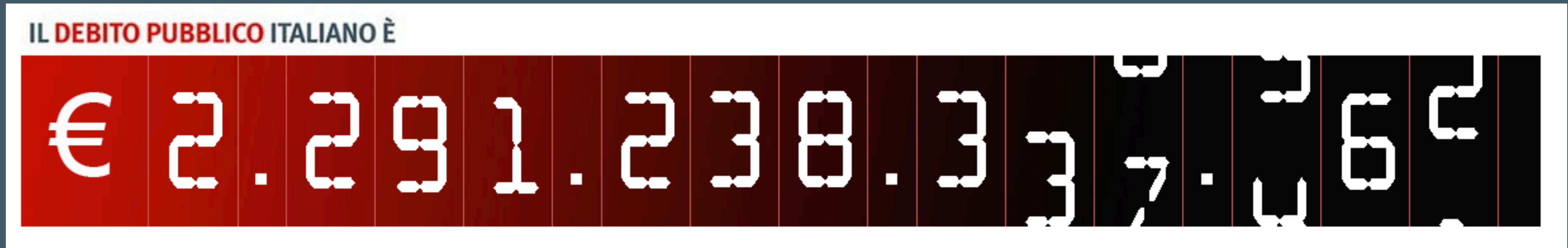
The comics books were also translated into English and Spanish.



In parallel with our comics books series, IBL has commissioned to Mr. Vallorani a series of five short animated videos based on the book *Jesus the Unknown Economist* by french author Charles Gave, translated by IBL Libri in February 2018.



Advocacy



IBL's Debt Clock in train stations

In 2018, during the electoral campaign, to educate the public on the issue of debt, IBL has prominently shown its own “Debt Counter” on maxiLED screens in train stations in Milan and Rome (900,000 daily visitors). The ad appeared 855 times each day. IBL’s initiative was widely reported in the print and TV media.



L'Economia del Corriere della Sera, 13 febbraio 2018
Abbiamo 40 mila euro di debito pubblico a testa. Ce lo ricorda un orologio in Stazione



La Stampa, 4 marzo 2018
Debito record, ora l'Italia è la sorvegliata speciale



International Efforts



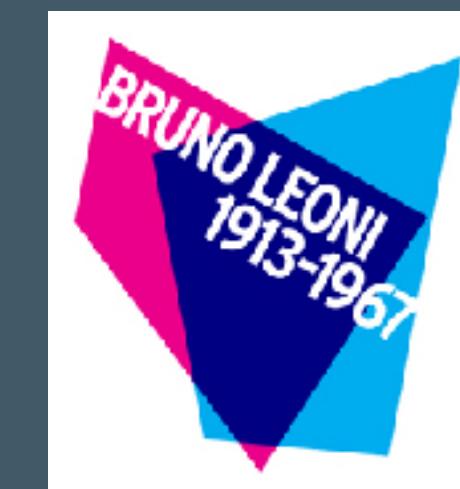
IBL's efforts also have an international impact, particularly through its participation to Epicenter, an European network of free-market think tanks (of which IBL is a founding member), which opened its Brussels offices in 2018.

In 2018 Epicenter updated its Nanny State Index. The Nanny State Index tracks paternalistic lifestyle regulations that the European Parliament proposed in its current and previous legislative terms. The Index gives a full picture of which political parties favour more lifestyle regulation and which wish to achieve public health goals in other ways.

In co-operation with the Liberty Fund and the Institute of Economic Affairs IBL organized an international conference on the life and the work of Bruno Leoni.



EPICENTER, 17 June 2018
Nanny State Index



IBL-IEA-Liberty Fund, 8 March 2018
Bruno Leoni (1913-1967) and Classical Liberalism

Media & Communication

Istituto Bruno Leoni's efforts find a steady echo in the media. IBL's opinion pieces are regularly published in the national press (*Il Sole 24 Ore*, *Corriere-Economia*, *Repubblica*, *Il Messaggero*, *Il Mattino*, *Il Foglio*) and IBL's representatives often appear in national broadcast radio and TV shows.



**RAI-Radio anch'io, 23 gennaio 2018
Interview to Carlo Stagnaro**



**La7-Omnibus, 1 marzo 2018
Interview to Serena Sileoni**



**RAI News-Economia 24, 17 dicembre 2018
Interview to Nicola Rossi**

**RAI-Night Tabloid, 21 maggio 2018
Interview to Serena Sileoni**



**Radio 24-La versione di Oscar, 19 novembre 2018
Interview to Franco Debenedetti**

**RAI-GR4 Economia, 11 dicembre 2018
Interview to Andrea Giuricin**

Our numbers in 2018



25
Papers



15
Books



60
Events



254
articles
in the press



605
mentions
in the press



1200
YouTube
followers



17478
Facebook
followers



24200
Twitter
followers



100+
new videos



111
Posts on
LeoniBlog