

IBL'S ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-2021

March 2020-March 2021

IBL IN THE PANDEMIC

- The Covid19 crisis drove IBL to a deep **rethinking of its efforts and operations**.
- As all public events were cancelled, we have swiftly reorganised our efforts to bring our seminars and meetings on the available online platforms.
- In the timeframe March 2020-March 2021, IBL organized **78 webinars**, with a significant audience participation.
- The prevailing uncertainty about future circumstances dictates a prosecution of this approach, and the need to **identify new opportunities**.



PRONTO INTERVENTO FORENSE

- To deal with the many abuses and the nonsense caused by the limitations to the free movement of citizens enacted as a response to COVID-19, Istituto Bruno Leoni has activated a legal aid initiative to all citizens in cases of abuse of power by the authorities.
- With the help of a number of attorneys working pro bono in several areas in Italy, Istituto Bruno Leoni helps the citizens to challenge in court fines and measures that defy the principles of law and of logic.

PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- During this past year IBL has steadily increased and enhanced its presence on the major social networks:
 - Facebook: **+20%** follower base.
 - Instagram: **+38%** follower base.
 - Twitter: **+11%** follower base.
 - LinkedIn: **+50%** follower base and engagement rate twice as large as that of comparable profiles.
 - YouTube: **+235%** users and **1,3 millions** impression.
 - **2,000-6,000 daily direct interactions** on our profiles.
 - Some **120,000 unique users** reached weekly by our content.

HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to its presence as a recognised and authoritative voice in the Italian political debate, Istituto Bruno Leoni is present in important international news and comment outlets.

Corriere della sera–Economia, 15 February 2021



Italy's ranking improved, but with the COVID-19 pandemic the presence of the government in the economy is growing.

Wall Street Journal, 9 December 2020



Think U.S. lockdowns are bad? Imagine being confined to your town.

Corriere della Sera, 5 December 2020



Governing in these circumstances is hard, but we should have at least some agreement on the policy's goals.

AIER, 2 November 2020



A summary of "The Myth of the Entrepreneurial State," by Deirdre Nansen McCloskey and Alberto Mingardi.

AWARDS

IBL confirmed its presence in the “Global Go To Think Tank Index” Report, published each year by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Index evaluates over 11,000 think tanks in the world (153 in Italy) and is made on the basis of the assessment and rankings offered by the international community of research organisations and relevant experts.

Istituto Bruno Leoni was ranked as the **132nd best think tank in the world** overall.

Furthermore, IBL was ranked 76th best Western European think tank, and 124th among non-US think tanks.

RESEARCH



KEY RESEARCH ITEMS

- In March 2020-March 2021 IBL ha published **43** research papers.
- Research included themes of immediate relevance to the pandemic:
 - The constitutional feasibility of Italy's "emergency law".
 - The impact of the lockdowns on the civil liberties of Italian citizens.
 - The impact of the lockdown on education and the role private schools can play in favouring a fairer and more effective educational system.
- The Institute has also worked assessing the problems related with the government's management of the economic crisis and the measures attempting at fostering a recovery. In particular:
 - It researched the benefits for Italy to seek an ESM loan (vs the government's declared intention of not doing so).
 - It researched the need to liberalize the platform economy in order to strengthen delivery services, with social distancing.
 - It researched the importance of supporting private schools, in the post-pandemic school environment.

COVID-19, GOVERNMENT, AND LIBERTIES

As a response to the COVID-19 crisis, on April 26th the Italian government enacted a very strict lockdown.

After the lockdown was relaxed in the Summer, a second wave of infections prompted the government to enact a new series of restrictive measures. Total or partial lockdowns entail severe curbs on the basic rights and freedoms of citizens.

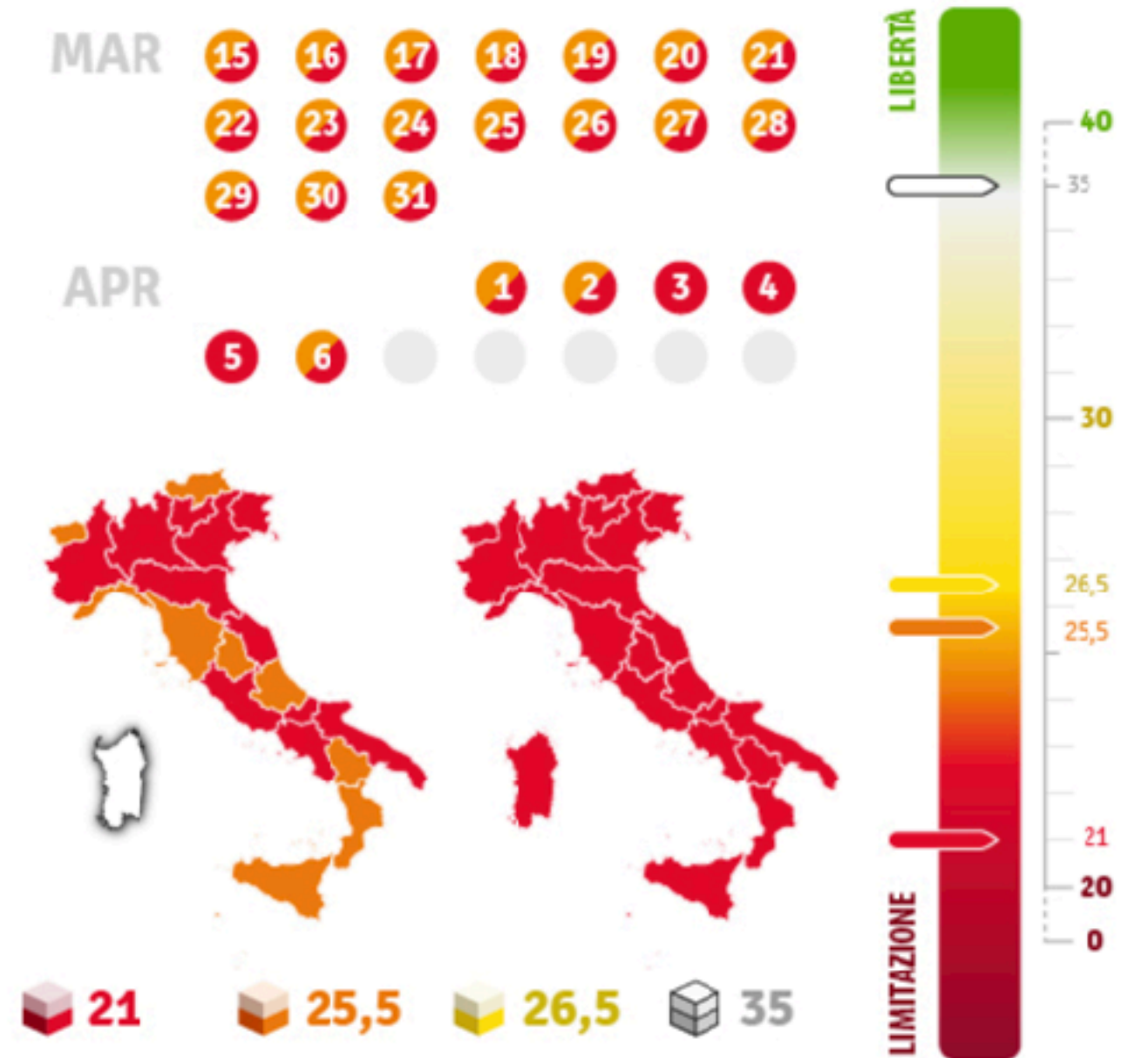
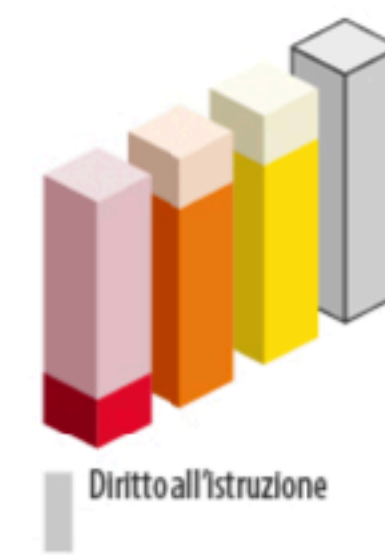
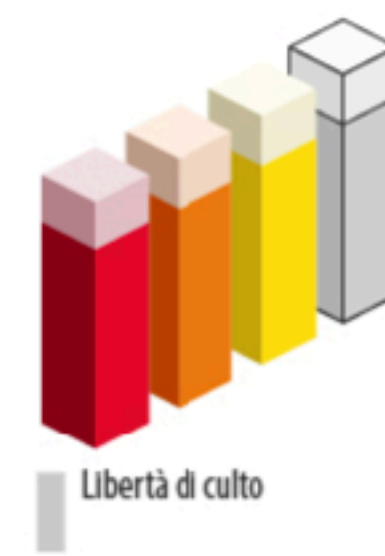
Istituto Bruno Leoni has devised an index to gauge the severity of the loss of liberty on 8 measures along a 0-40 scale, differentiated between regions, and regularly updated in consequence of the national and regional government decrees.

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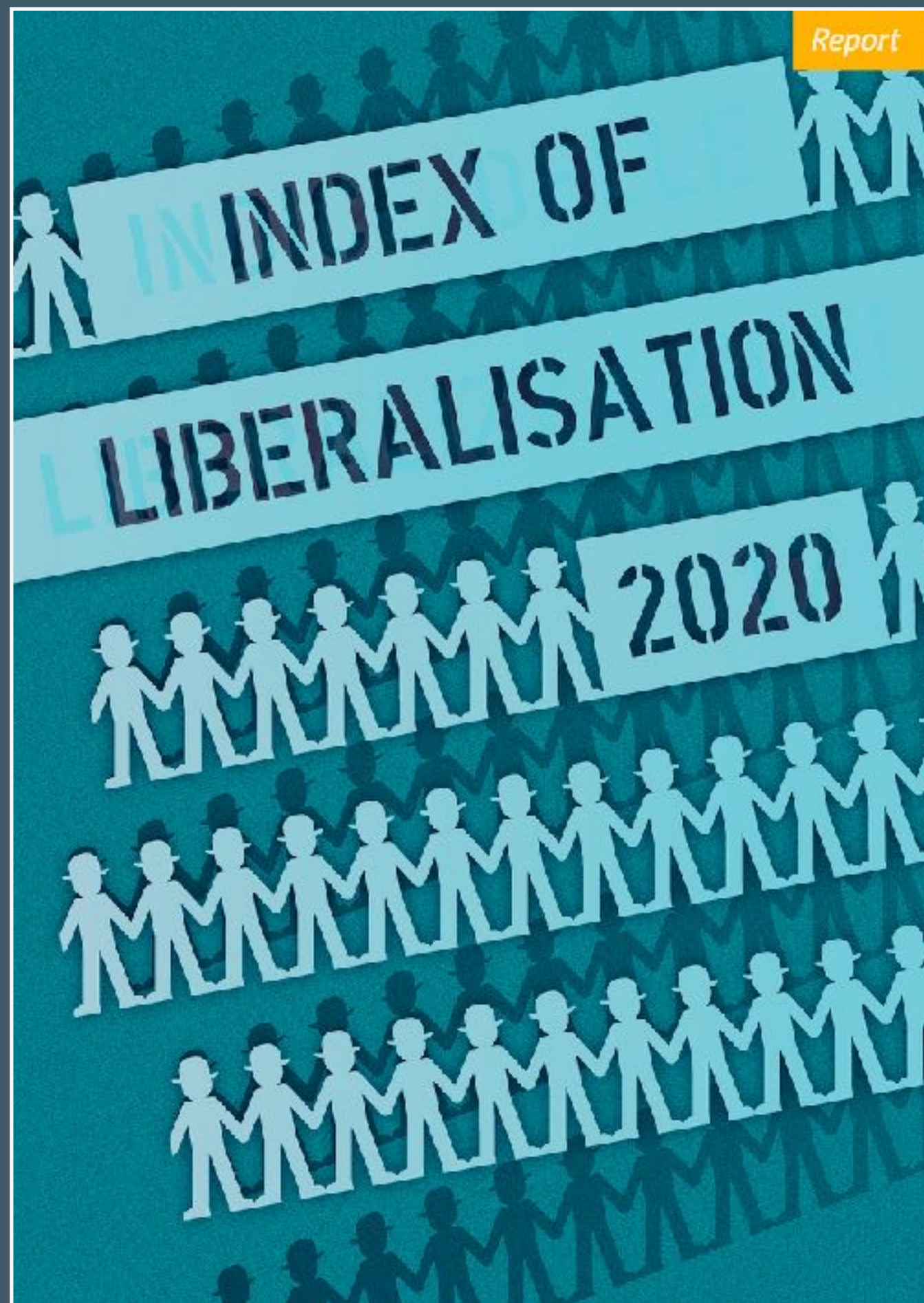
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INDEX OF LIBERALISATION 2020



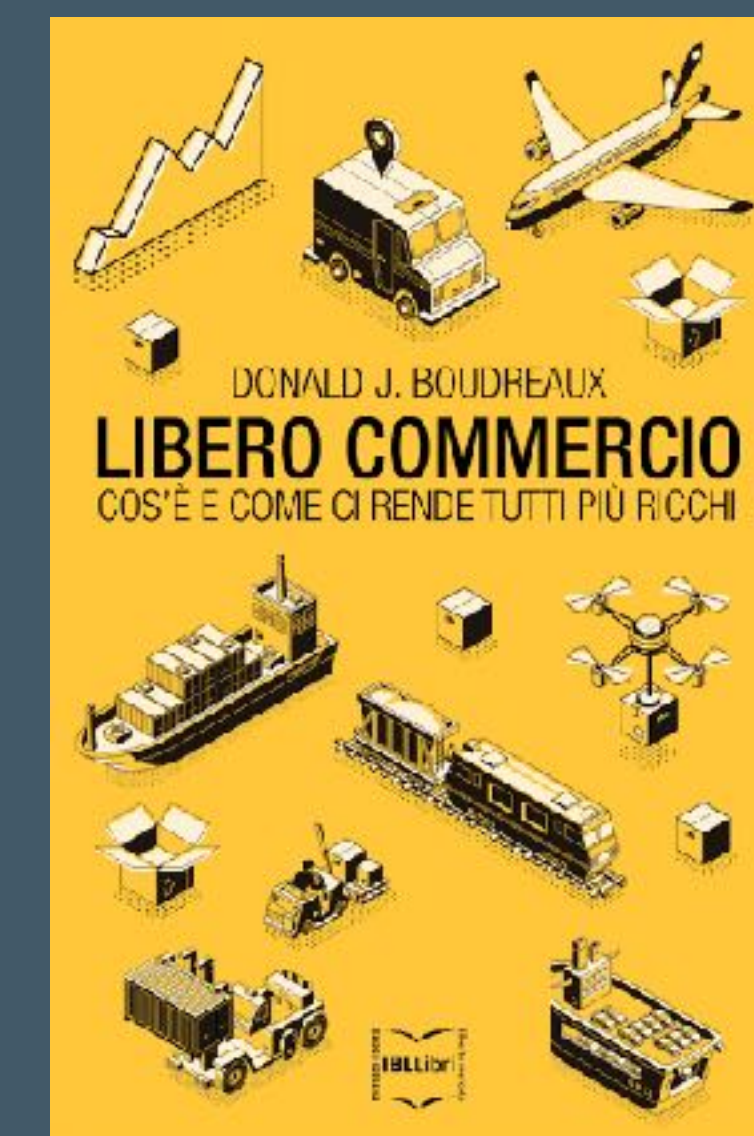
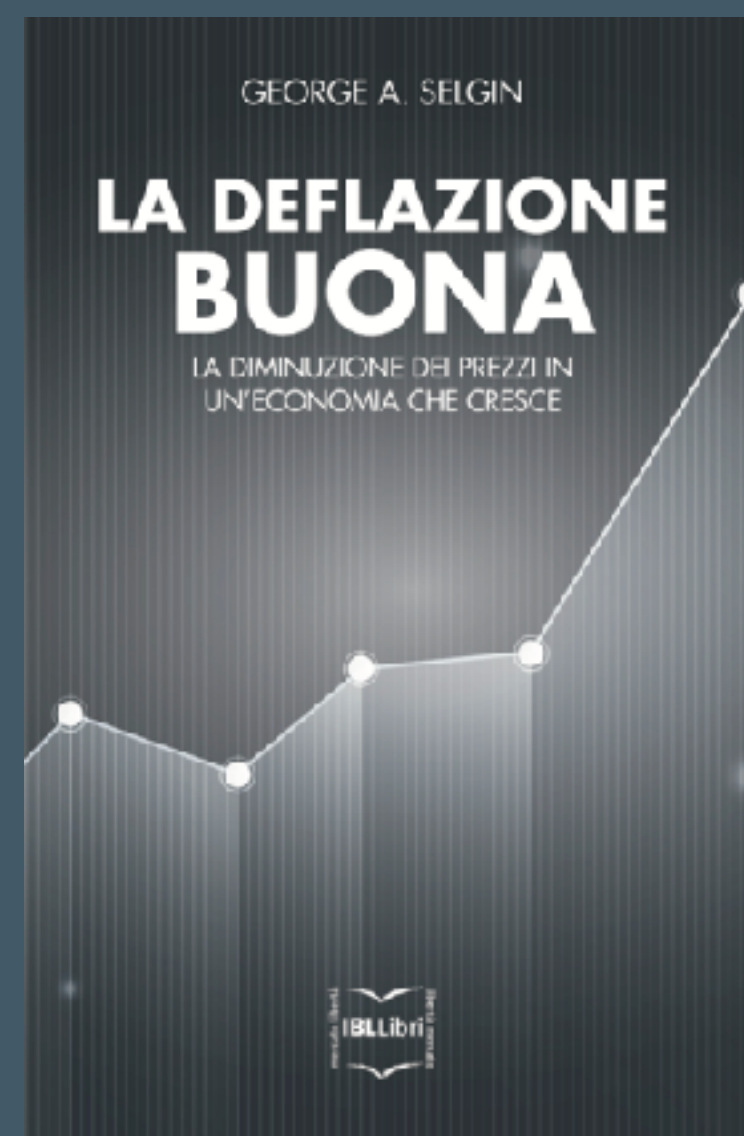
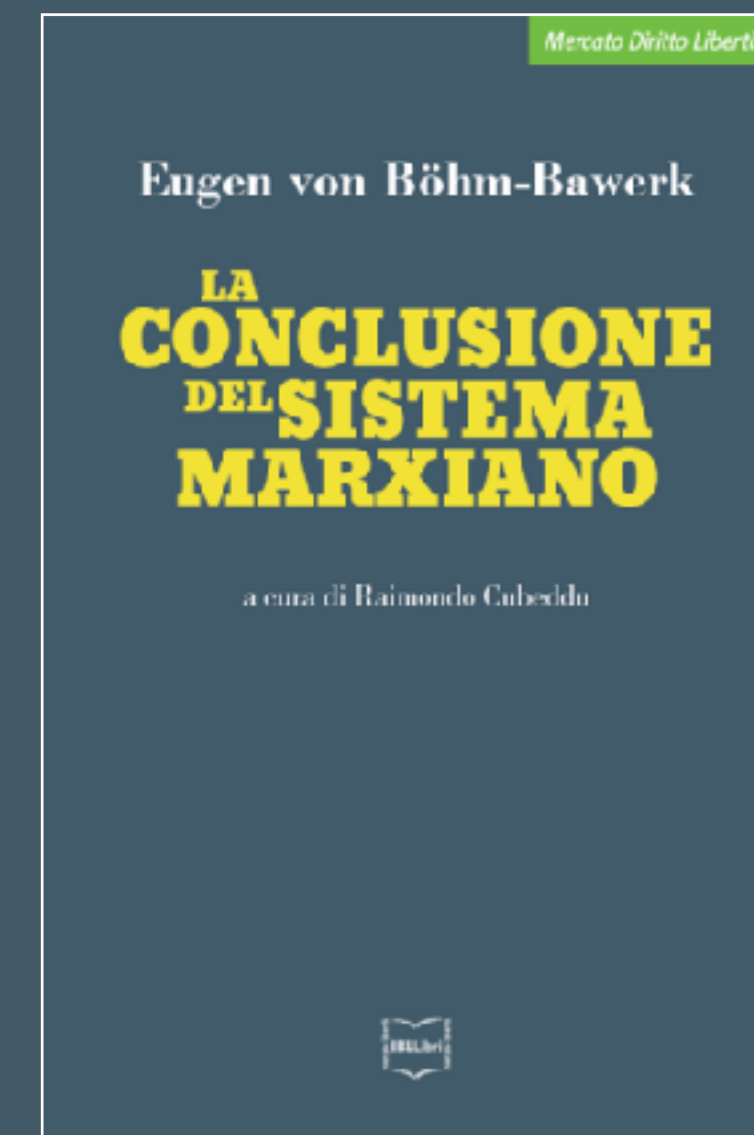
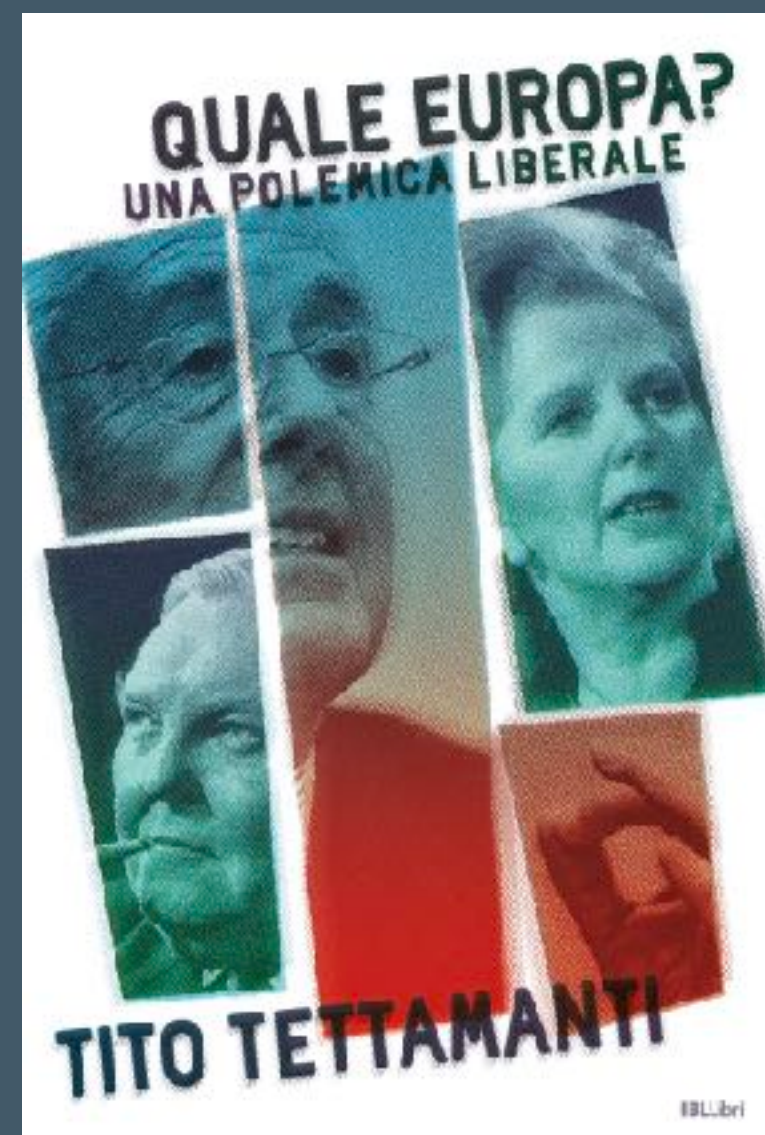
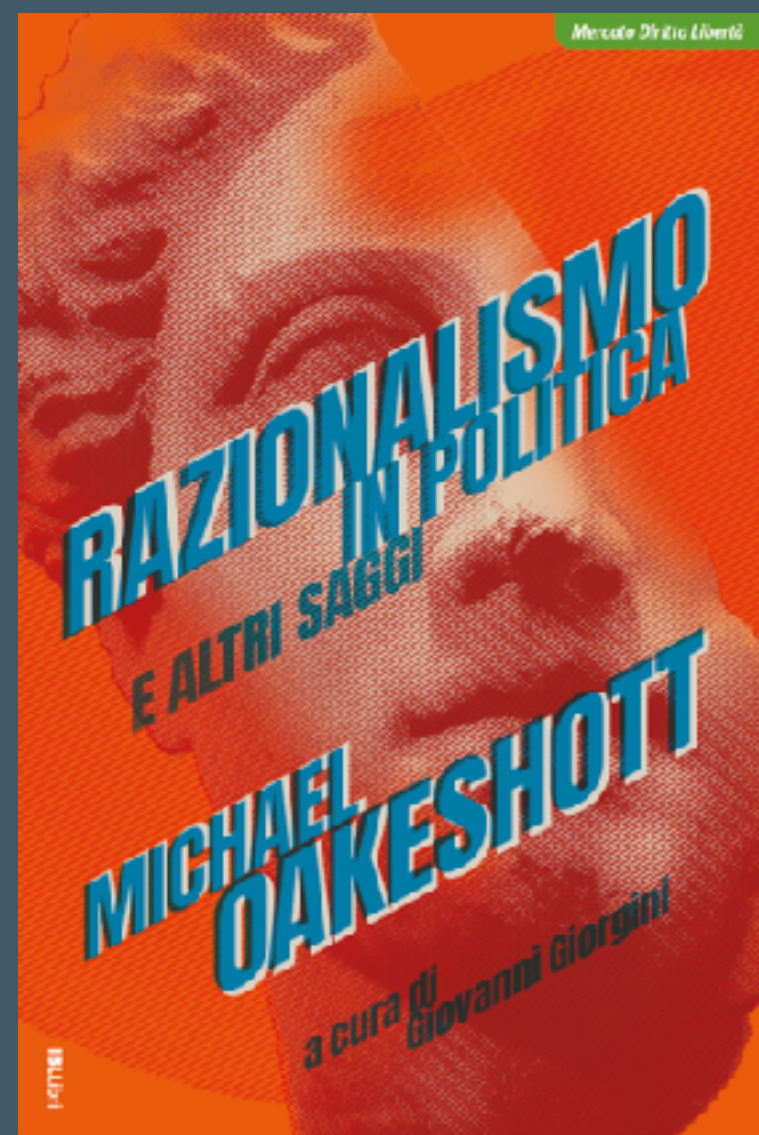
The Index identifies both competition barriers and the best economic practices across nine sectors of the economy in the 27 member states of the European Union and the UK. The report finds that the highest scores in the Index are associated with lower entry costs, greater dynamism, and a larger plurality of operators, offers, and products. This implies that liberalisation is strongly associated with a country's economic growth and level of innovation.

The index assesses the market opening score in nine key economic sectors (Automotive fuels, Natural gas, Labour, Electricity, Mail services, Telecommunications, Railways, and Insurance).

In 2020 the most market-friendly country in Europe was the United Kingdom, with a score of 93 out of 100, followed by Ireland (79) and Spain (78). The most closed economies are Finland's (55), Croatia's (57), and Slovakia's (57). Italy is ranked sixth, with a score of 75.

PUBLICATIONS

IBL BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2020



BOOKS PUBLISHED UP TO 2021



Richard Pipes, renowned historian of the Russian Revolution, shows how private ownership has served over the centuries to limit the power of the state and enable democratic institutions to evolve and thrive in the Western world.



Ayn Rand distinguished herself for her unabashed support of capitalism. In her view, capitalism was much more than an economic system, and amounted instead to a veritable philosophy and way of life.



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STAKEHOLDER CAPITALISM

The COVID-19 crisis has favoured and enhanced the already existing trend towards a heavy-handed presence of the government in the economy, under a range of pretexts: the health crisis, the environmental crisis, and, more generally, the purported far-sightedness and integrity of government officials as compared with the short-term horizon and greed of private actors.

A number of influential economists and opinion-makers has caught the favour of several governments and is actively steering their actions in the name of well-worn shibboleths such as the “social responsibility of business” and the “entrepreneurial state.” All this contributes to the emergence of the so-called “stakeholder capitalism,” another name for a corporatist economy.

Istituto Bruno Leoni has long opposed this trend, and has published books and articles to make the public aware of the pitfalls and the flaws of renewed forms of industrial policy.

Two recent articles on Milton Friedman’s analysis of the flaws of the notion of social responsibility of businesses



Alberto Mingardi

“But is This an Entrepreneur or a Politician?”

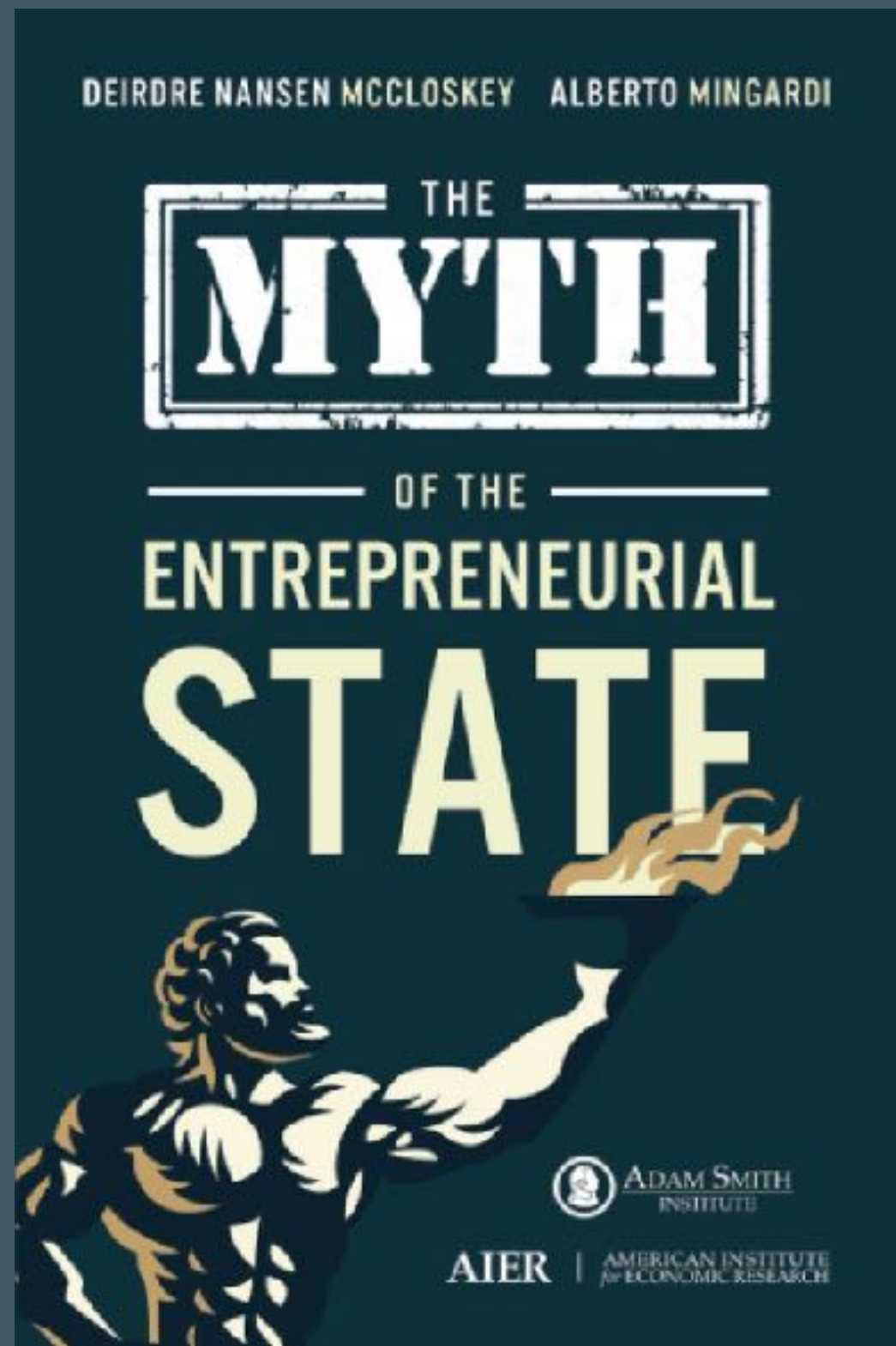
L'Economia – Corriere della sera, October 5th, 2020



Franco Debenedetti

“Are Businesses Really Heartless?”

Il Foglio, September 14th, 2020



Deirdre N. McCloskey & Alberto Mingardi
THE MYTH OF THE ENTREPRENEURIAL STATE
(AIER-Adam Smith Institute, 2020)

Deirdre N. **McCloskey** (Distinguished Professor Emerita of Economics and of History, University of Illinois at Chicago)

Alberto **Mingardi** (Director General, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

People in a primitive way distrust the price system, and distrust the impersonality of exchange among strangers. If you can persuade people that the market economy does not innovate—no five or thirty to one—they will be happy to renounce it, as people have frequently since socialism was first imagined.

The truth is that the enriched modern economy was not a product of State coercion. It was a product of a change in political and social rhetoric. The true question is what on balance is the best way to organize innovation—by the “wise State” or by commercially tested betterment?

The faith is that economists can rescue the sadly “unfettered” markets by applying fetters forged by brilliant blacksmiths employed by the State, such as Keynes, Samuelson, and Mariana Mazzucato...

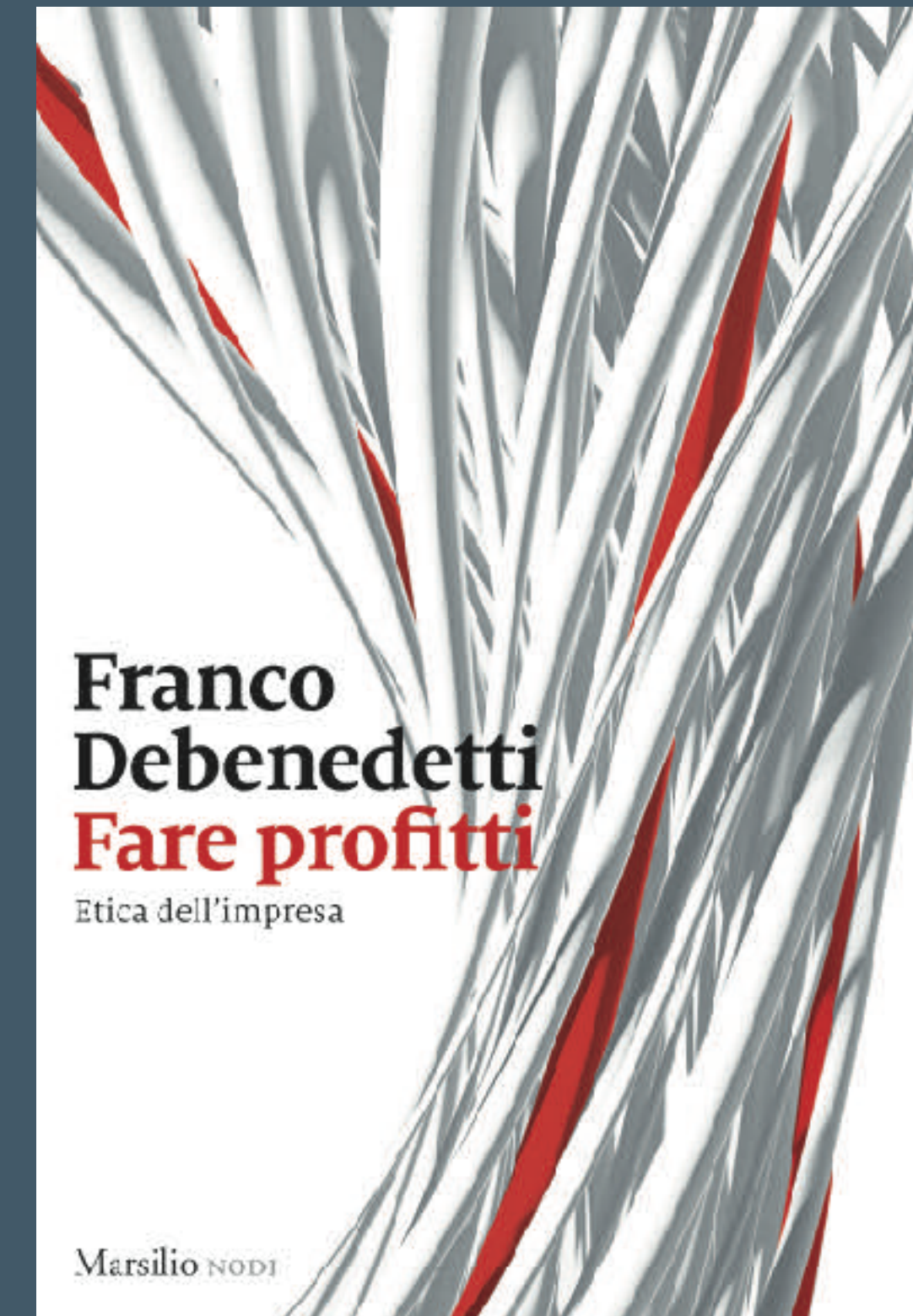
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FARE PROFITTI
(Marsilio, 2021)

Forthcoming by Franco **Debenedetti**,
President of Fondazione Istituto Bruno Leoni

Fare profitti: Etica dell'impresa

Making Profits: Ethics of Entrepreneurship

A powerful defense of shareholder value theory, against all its enemies



ONLINE SEMINARS. MARCH 2020-MARCH 2021

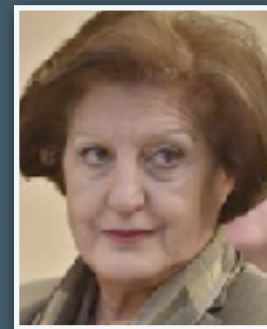
IBL'S WEBINARS

IMPACT

- **78** webinars.
- Between **100 and 700 viewers** live for each seminar.
- Up to **5,000 views on-demand**.
- Live **tweeting**.
- A dedicated **newsletter**.

IBL'S WEBINARS

A SELECTION OF NOTABLE GUESTS



Anna Maria **Ajello**
President, Italian Assessment Authority for
the Educational System



Carlo **Cottarelli**
Public Accounts Overview Agency



Francesco **Pizzetti**
Former Head of the Privacy Authority



Lorenzo **Bini Smaghi**
Chairman, Société Générale



Steven **Davies**
Institute of Economic Affairs



Rino **Rappuoli**
GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines



Lorenzo **Casini**
Italian Ministry of Culture



Nils **Karlson**
The Ratio Institute



Giovanni **Tria**
Former Minister of Economic Affairs



Gilberto **Corbellini**
National Research Council



Terence **Kealey**
University of Buckingham



Nicolò **Zanon**
Head Justice, Italian Constitutional Court

PODCASTS



CARLO AMENTA • SERENA SILEONI • CARLO STAGNARO

- Every week, with Carlo **Amenta** (University of Palermo), Serena **Sileoni** (IBL) and Carlo **Stagnaro** (IBL).
- The weekly podcast Leoni Files saw an increase of its average downloads number, which grew from some 400 to **800-1,000** per podcast (on all platforms). The show featuring US-based Italian virologist **Ilaria Capua** reached a record **30,000** views.
- The issues debated during the lockdown touched the developments of the epidemic and its social impacts (for instance, with Guido **Silvestri**, virologist, Professor and Head of Department at the Emory University), and the economic consequences, as well as the features of the response (as with Filippo **Patroni Griffi**, President of the Italian Council of State and Vito **Tanzi**, fmr. Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF). Furthermore, a number of political figures were featured in our podcasts: Matteo **Renzi**, fmr. Prime Minister and influential political figure, and Emma **Bonino**, co-founder of the Italian Radical Party, fmr. Minister of Foreign Affairs and civil rights leader.

ONLINE COURSES AND SEMINARS

ON LINE SEMINARS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

- In the school year 2013/14 we have activated our “IBL nelle scuole” program. In the school year 2019/2020, before the lockdown, IBL had held 59 lecture cycles and emphasised the new comics book series “What really happens if...?”
- Since the start of the pandemics, IBL organized **3 updating and training webinars for teachers**, together with AEEE-Italia (Associazione Europea per l'Educazione Economica).
- Our “IBL nelle Scuole” program was restructured and adapted to the new circumstances and restarted with the new school year. We have programmed **96 lectures** so far (21 schools in different parts of Italy) and broadened our offer to **7 teaching modules**.
- We have introduced a new regular feature, “La scuola libera” (A Free School), by Sister Anna Monia Alfieri, that focuses on the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic to Italian schools, with the participation of academic and scholars, as well as teachers and school administrators.

ONLINE COURSES

- Building on the positive experience of our web-based seminars and events, IBL decided to launch a series of online courses, to offer an in-depth educational opportunity to the general public.
- The courses are articulated into 7-12 online lectures each, held by academics, professionals and IBL fellows. Each lecture includes teaching materials (slides and a reading list), and is followed by a Q&A session.
- The participation to the online courses requires the payment of a fee. This serves both to support our efforts and to gauge the appreciation and dedication fo our followers.
- In this endeavour we have had the valuable support of **Zampa Foundation** (Liberty and Ger Enemies) and started a partnership with **Università Suor Orsola Benincasa di Napoli** (Le origini del modello statale italiano).
- A brief outline of the three course held in 2020 and early 2021 follows.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF LIBERALISM

BREVE STORIA DEL LIBERALISMO

July 3-17, 2020

Adam Smith e la nascita dell'economia politica

Adam Smith and the Birth of Political Economy

Alberto Mingardi (Director General, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

John Locke e il liberalismo dei diritti naturali

John Locke and Natural Rights Liberalism

Carlo Lottieri (Education Director, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

Il liberalismo dopo la rivoluzione francese

Liberalism After the French Revolution

Biancamaria Fontana (Professor of History of Political Thought, University of Lausanne)

La repubblica dei diritti naturali: la nascita degli Stati Uniti d'America

The Natural Rights Republic: the Birth of the United States

Luigi Marco Bassani (Professor of History of Political Thought, University of Milan)

La Scuola austriaca e il dibattito sul calcolo economico

The Austrian School and the Economic Calculation Debate

Nicola Iannello (Senior Fellow, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

L'economia delle scelte pubbliche e il liberalismo nell'era della regolazione

The Economics of Public Choice and Liberalism in the Age of Regulation

Carlo Stagnaro (Director, Digital Economy Observatory, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

La Costituzione e le regole di responsabilità fiscale

Constitution and Fiscal Responsibility Rules

Nicola Rossi (Professor of Political Economy, University of Rome)



ENEMIES OF LIBERTY

LA LIBERTÀ E I SUOI NEMICI

September 7-28, 2020

1. **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**

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Luigi Marco Bassani (Professor of History of Political Thought, University of Milan)

2. **Karl Marx**

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Nicola Iannello (senior fellow, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

3. **Gli Utopisti: da Platone all'età contemporanea**

Utopia: from Plato to the Contemporary Age

Roberta Adelaide Modugno (Professor of History of Political Thought, Università of Rome 3)

4. **I benecomunisti**

The Ideology of Common Goods

Carlo Lottieri (Education Director, Istituto Bruno Leoni and Professor of Philosophy of Law, University of Verona)

5. **John Maynard Keynes**

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Natale D'Amico (Councillor, Italian Courts of Accounts)

6. **La Scuola di Francoforte: Adorno, Habermas, Horkheimer e Marcuse**

The Frankfurt School: Adorno, Habermas, Horkheimer, and Marcuse

Sergio Belardinelli (Professor of Sociology, University of Bologna)

7. **Herbert George Wells**

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Alberto Mingardi (Director General, Istituto Bruno Leoni and Professor of History of Political Thought, IULM University)

8. **Hans Kelsen**

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Serena Sileoni (Vice-Director General, Istituto Bruno Leoni and Assistant Professor, Università Suor Orsola Benincasa)

9. **Sigmund Freud**

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Roberto Festa (Professor of Philosophy of Science, University of Trieste)

10. **I postmoderni: Derrida, Foucault e Lacan**

Postmodernism: Derrida, Foucault, and Lacan

Roberto Festa (Professor of Philosophy of Science, University of Trieste)

October 1-29, 2020

1. Cos'è la finanza. Il suo scopo e i suoi rapporti con l'economia

What Is Finance?

Enrico CASTROVILLI (former President AEEE Italia)

2. Finanza comportamentale. Motivazioni sociali e psicologiche delle scelte dei risparmiatori

Behavioural Finance

Emanuela E. RINALDI (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University Milano Bicocca)

3. Intermediari e prodotti finanziari. Dagli strumenti personali ai grandi investimenti

Financial Products and Intermediaries

Francesca DOSSI (Lecturer of Corporate Economics)

4. Innovazione finanziaria, criptovalute e regolazione: il caso delle ICO

Financial Innovations and Cryptocurrencies and Regulation

Carlo AMENTA (senior fellow Istituto Bruno Leoni and Associate professor of Management, University of Palermo)

5. Globalizzazione e finanza. Come il denaro ridisegna le distanze

Globalization and Finance

Paolo BELARDINELLI (research fellow Istituto Bruno Leoni e fellow London School of Economics)

6. Cosa succede se usciamo dall'euro?

What Happens If We Leave the Euro?

Carlo STAGNARO (Director of the Observatory of the Digital Economy, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

7. Finanza aziendale. Le imprese a caccia di capitali

Corporate Finance

Fabio BANDERALI (Lecturer in Corporate Economics and member of the Board of AEEE Italia)

8. Finanza pubblica. Perché non c'è crescita senza rigore?

Public Finance

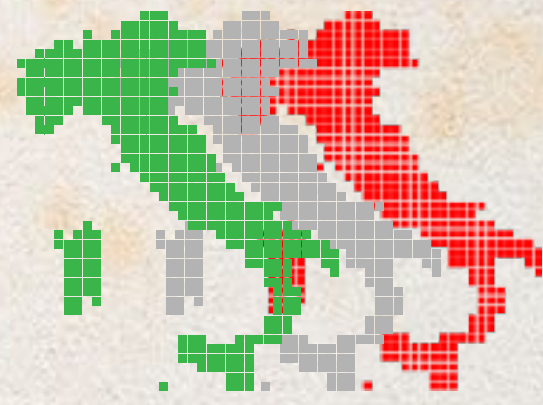
Natale D'AMICO (Councillor, Italian Courts of Accounts)

9. Gestione del risparmio e mercati finanziari. I fondi di investimento

Savings management and Financial Markets

Francesca DOSSI (Lecturer of Corporate Economics)





THE ORIGINS OF THE ITALIAN STATE MODEL

LE ORIGINI DEL MODELLO STATALE ITALIANO: 19 GENNAIO – 18 FEBBRAIO 2021

1. Martedì 19 gennaio, ore 18:00

L'ARTE DEL NON GOVERNO. L'INARRESTABILE DECLINO DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

The Art of Non-Government. The Unstoppable Decline of the Italian Republic

Piero CRAVERI (professore emerito di Storia contemporanea, Università Suor Orsola Benincasa di Napoli)

2. Giovedì 21 gennaio, ore 18:00

TRA MONARCHIA E SOVRANITÀ. L'INFLUENZA DELLA CULTURA GIURIDICA FRANCESE NELL'ORDINAMENTO ITALIANO

Between Monarchy and Sovereignty: The Influence of the French Legal Culture in Italian Law

Tommaso Edoardo FROSINI (professore ordinario di Diritto pubblico comparato e di Diritto costituzionale, Università Suor Orsola Benincasa di Napoli)

3. Martedì 26 gennaio, ore 18:00

L'ITALIA E GLI ITALIANI. L'ESERCIZIO DEL POTERE POLITICO E L'EVOLUZIONE DELLA SOCIETÀ

Italy and the Italians. The Exercise of Political Power and the Evolution of Society

Sergio BELARDINELLI (professore ordinario di Sociologia dei processi culturali e comunicativi all'Università di Bologna)

4. Giovedì 28 gennaio, ore 18:00

LA SINDROME DELL'ANTI. POLITICA DEL NEMICO E INGVERNABILITÀ DIFFUSA

The Anti Syndrome. The Politics of Enmity and Diffused Ungovernability

Stefano DE LUCA (professore ordinario di Storia delle dottrine politiche, Università Suor Orsola Benincasa di Napoli)

5. Giovedì 2 febbraio, ore 18:00

IL PENSIERO CATTOLICO NELLA DOTTRINA DELLO STATO

Catholic Thought in the Doctrine of the State

Flavio FELICE (professore ordinario di Storia delle dottrine politiche, Università del Molise)

6. Martedì 4 febbraio, ore 18:00

ITALIA UNICA E DIVISA: L'ETERNA QUESTIONE FEDERALE

Italy One and Divided: the Eternal Issue of Federalism

Sofia VENTURA (professore associato di Scienze politiche e sociali, Università di Bologna)

7. Martedì 9 febbraio, ore 18:00

GIUDICE E PROCESSO NELLA GIUSTIZIA PENALE ITALIANA

Judge and trial in Italian Criminal Justice

Vittorio MANES (professore ordinario di Diritto penale, Università di Bologna)

8. Giovedì 11 febbraio, ore 18:00

LA BUROCRAZIA TRA POTERE E SERVIZIO. ORIGINI DELLA PUBBLICA AMMINISTRAZIONE

Bureaucracy Between Power and Service: the Origins of Public Administration

Aldo SANDULLI (professore ordinario di Diritto amministrativo, Università LUISS Guido Carli)

9. Martedì 16 febbraio, ore 18:00

IL DOVERE DI CONCORRERE ALLA SPESA PUBBLICA: UNA STORIA ANTICA, UNA FORMULA ORIGINALE

The Duty of Contribute to Public Spending: An Old Story, an Original Formula

Serena SILEONI (vicedirettore generale dell'Istituto Bruno Leoni e ricercatrice di Diritto costituzionale all'Università Suor Orsola Benincasa di Napoli)

10. Giovedì 18 febbraio, ore 18:00

LE ILLUSIONI DELLO STATO IMPRENDITORE

The Delusions of the Entrepreneurial State

Alberto MINGARDI (direttore generale dell'Istituto Bruno Leoni e professore associato di Storia delle dottrine politiche all'Università IULM)

1. Le origini dell'analisi economica del diritto: il problema del costo sociale

The Origins of Law & Economics: the problem of Social Cost

Lunedì 19 aprile, ore 18.30

Carlo STAGNARO (direttore dell'osservatorio sull'economia digitale dell'Istituto Bruno Leoni)

2. Il ruolo economico dello Stato

The Economic Role of the State

Mercoledì 21 aprile, ore 18.30

Carlo AMENTA (senior fellow, Istituto Bruno Leoni e professore associato di economia e gestione delle imprese, Università di Palermo)

3. Mercati imperfetti e come correggerli: il caso delle industrie a rete

Imperfect Markets and How to Right Them

Venerdì 23 aprile, ore 18.30

Simona BENEDETTINI (PhD in Law and Economics e senior manager, PwC Italia)

4. Mercati imperfetti e correzioni peggiori: i fallimenti dello Stato imprenditore

Imperfect Markets and Worse Corrections: The Failures of the Entrepreneurial State

Lunedì 26 aprile, ore 18.30

Franco DEBENEDETTI (presidente, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

5. Gli strumenti dell'economista: la valutazione delle policy

The Tools of the Economist: Policy Assessment

Mercoledì 28 aprile, ore 18.30

Guido DE BLASIO (economista)

6. Gli strumenti dell'economista: le analisi costi-benefici

The Tools of the Economist: Cost-Benefit Analysis

Venerdì 30 aprile, ore 18.30

Francesco RAMELLA (research fellow, Istituto Bruno Leoni e docente di Trasporti, Università di Torino)

7. Gli strumenti dell'economista: dati e modelli vs numeri e favole

The Tools of the Economist: Data and Models vs Numbers and Fables

Lunedì 3 maggio, ore 18.30

Alberto BISIN (Full Professor of Economics, New York University)

8. Tra economia e diritto: l'analisi di impatto della regolamentazione

Between Economics and Law: The Impact of Regulation

Mercoledì 5 maggio, ore 18.30

Vitalba AZZOLLINI (giurista e fellow, Istituto Bruno Leoni)

9. Il diritto e l'economia: il caso delle tasse sul vizio

The Law and the Economy: The Case of Sin Taxes

Venerdì 7 maggio, ore 18.30

Marco SPALLONE (professore associato di Economia Politica, Università LUISS Guido Carli di Roma)

10. Il diritto e l'economia: gli effetti economici delle decisioni giurisprudenziali

The Law and the Economy: the Economic Impact of Legal Decisions

Lunedì 10 maggio, ore 18.30

Gery FERRARA (dirigente, Ministero della Giustizia)

11. Le norme e le azioni delle persone: l'economia comportamentale

Rules and Individual Actions: Behavioural Economics

Mercoledì 12 maggio, ore 18.30

Matteo MORTELLINI (professore ordinario di Filosofia della scienza, Università San Raffaele)

12. Regulation, better regulation e deregulation: cosa dice l'evidenza internazionale

Regulation, Better Regulation, and Deregulation: What Does International Evidence Tell Us

Venerdì 14 maggio, ore 18.30

Rosamaria BITETTI (fellow, Istituto Bruno Leoni e ricercatrice in Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche, Università LUISS Guido Carli)

SERIES OF ONLINE SEMINARS

- The encouraging response to the transition of our seminars on online platforms led us to broaden our offer with the organization of cycles of online seminar. This allows a more detailed investigation of specific issues and seems to be more suitable to the needs of particular audiences.
- An increasingly significant stress was placed on content aimed to a younger audience, which is becoming the main focus of IBL's efforts: the widespread use of social network channels by the younger generations is a useful tool to gauge the satisfaction and the interests of our virtual public.

AGAINST THE ABUSE OF REASON: THE POLITICAL THOUGHT OF MICHAEL OAKESHOTT

CONTRO L'ABUSO DELLA RAGIONE: IL PENSIERO POLITICO DI MICHAEL OAKESHOTT



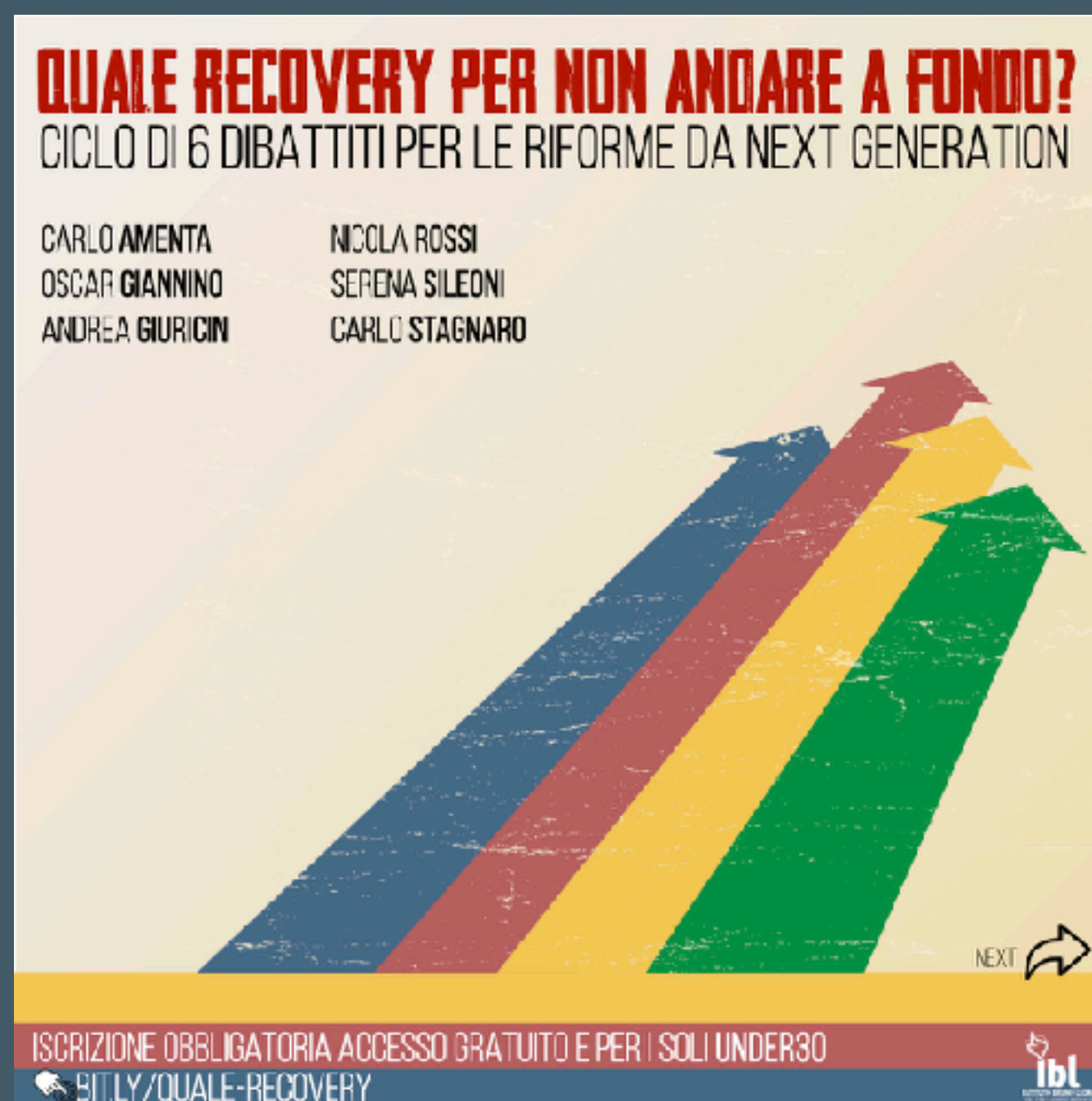
In December 2020 IBL Libri published the Italian translation of Michael Oakeshott's *Rationalism in Politics and Other Essays*.

We accompanied the book with a series of online seminars reserved for the members of our Book Club, held between January 18th and February 22nd.

Each webinar saw a lecture offered by an academic presenter, followed by a Q&A session with the participants. The lecturers: Sergio Belardinelli, Agostino Carrino, Raimondo Cubeddu, Giovanni Giorgini, Alberto Mingardi e Giovanni Orsina.

WHAT RECOVERY LEST WE FOUNDER? 6 MEETINGS FOR AN UNDER-30 AUDIENCE

QUALE RECOVERY PER NON ANDARE A FONDO?: 6 DIBATTITI DEDICATI AGLI UNDER30



An open discussion for each policy macro-area covered by the NextGeneration EU program, with an introduction by an IBL fellow. The series was reserved to participants under-30. This series saw the participation of **more than 250** young men and women.

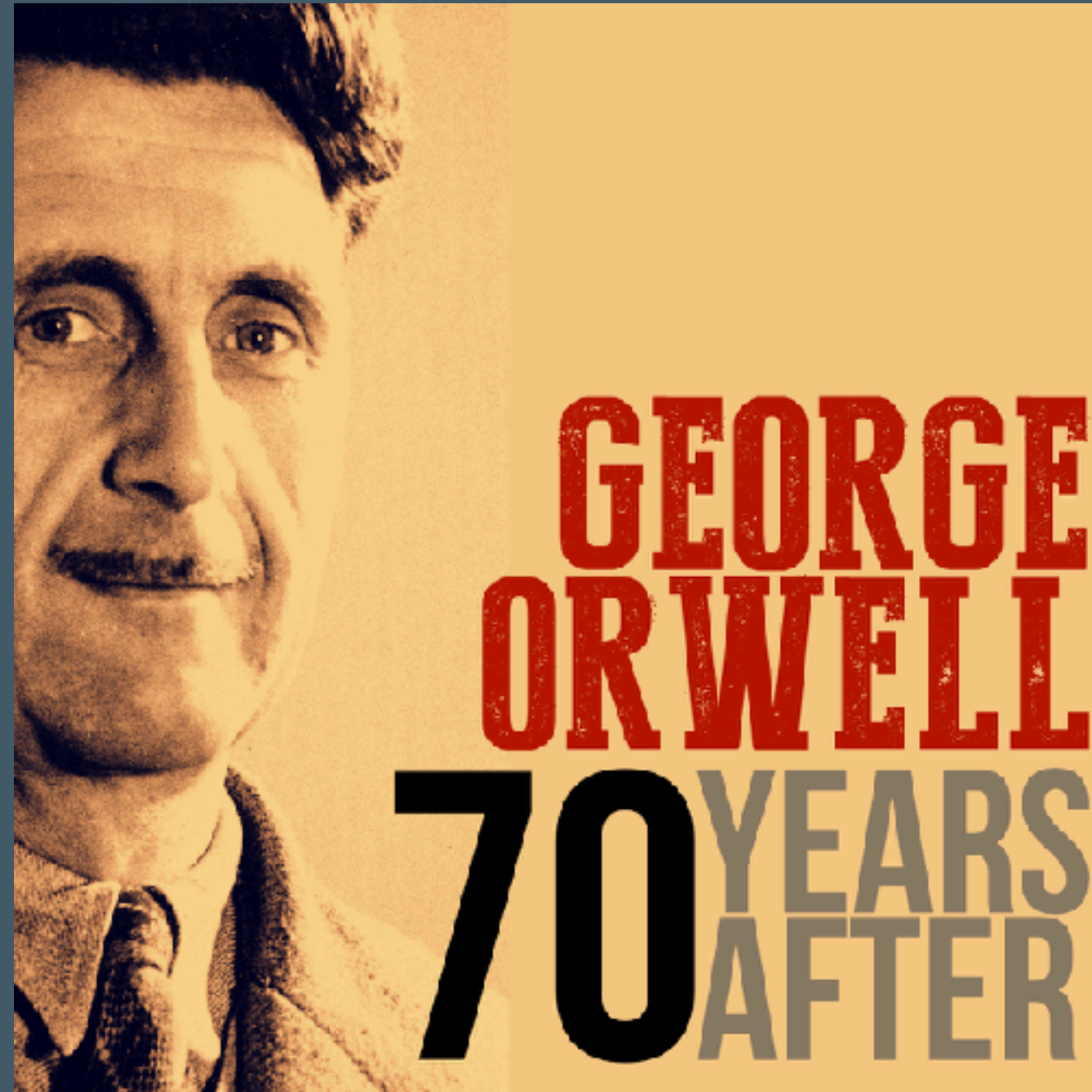
The discussions focused on the real challenge facing Italy in the management of the European funds it is poised to receive: how to make the younger generation the real driver of the recovery, starting with the sorely needed reforms that should have been enacted well before the NextGeneration EU scheme.

We have dealt with taxes, impact and assessment of public spending, justice and rule of law, privatizations, energy and the challenge of nurturing an informed public willing to support the reforms we need.

The meetings saw the participation of Carlo Amenta, Oscar Giannino, Andrea Giuricin, Nicola Rossi, Serena Sileoni, and Carlo Stagnaro.

GEORGE ORWELL 70 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH

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In the occasion of the 70th anniversary of George Orwell's death, IBL is organising a series of online webinars to investigate several facets of his thought and how Orwell can be relevant to our times.

Orwell's works offer a window on the several facets of his thought: his anti-Communism, the importance of political language, the experience of the Spanish Civil War, dystopian literature, and the shadow cast by totalitarianism on the 20th century (and on ours?).