
[Autori]

Giacomo Becattini is Professor emeritus of Economics at the Università degli Studi di Firenze. Member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Tuscany Academy of Sciences and Letters «Colombaria», Academy of Georgofili; past President of the Italian Society of Economists, and Honorary fellow of Trinity Hall College, Cambridge. He founded the research institute Irpet, and since 1991 has coordinated the *Incontri di Artimino* on local development. He has made important contributions regarding *industrial districts* based on Marshall's works, and has founded the «Marshall Studies Bulletin» (1991). Among his main works: *Modelli locali di sviluppo* (1987); *Il pensiero economico* (1990); *Dal distretto industriale allo sviluppo* (2000); the fourth volume of *Prato. Storia di una città* (1997), edited by Fernand Braudel; *Il bruco e la farfalla. Prato nel mondo che cambia 1954-1993* (2000); *Il calabrone Italia: ricerche e ragionamenti sulla peculiarità economica italiana* (2007); the *Elgar Companion to Alfred Marshall* (ed., 2006).

Fabio Berti is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Faculty of Political Science, Università di Siena. He also currently teaches Sociology of migrations. As a researcher, combining theoretical analysis and empirical study, he is currently involved in research on migration processes, social cohesion, youth behavior and local development. The present essay is part of (and taken from) a more complex research project about decrease and perspectives on the life and work of younger people, using a cross-section of over 1,000 adolescents.

Vicent Borràs Català is University Professor and a member of the *Centre d'Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball* (QUIT) and the *Institut d'Estudis del Treball* (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). As a researcher he is currently involved in research on work and gender, research methods, the labour market, and the relationship between time, work and everyday life. Special attention is paid in his research activity to the new demands of the reorganisation of time, with reference to reconciling work and families between men and women.

Massimo Bressan, President of the Research Institute IRIS (Prato), is an anthropologist. He deals with social research and evaluation consultancy and economic and territorial social planning. He taught Urban Cultural Anthropology at the Faculty of Political Science, Università degli Studi di Firenze.

Pilar Carrasquer Oto is University Professor and a member of the *Centre d'Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball* (QUIT) and the *Institut d'Estudis del Treball* (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). As a researcher her studies are focused on the labour situation of women in Spain, work and life balance and collective bargaining.

Ramón de Alós-Moner is University Professor and a member of the *Centre d'Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball* (QUIT) and the *Institut d'Estudis del Treball* (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). Concerning his research activity his main areas of interest are industrial relations and work organization. He has been involved in researches on union membership, collective bargaining and employment policies. One of his latest publications is *Empleo y relaciones laborales en las empresas españolas en Marruecos*, «Sociología del Trabajo», 47.

Paolo Giovannini, former Professor of Sociology at the Università degli Studi di Firenze, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science “Cesare Alfieri” from 1995 to 1998, at the present teaches Sociology in the same Faculty. Visiting professor at Warwick, Barcelona, and other European universities. Associated with several research centres, he founded a *Research Laboratory on Social Changes (CAMBIO)*: currently, he is Editor-in-chief of the homonymous journal online. Recent publications: *Fantasia e realtà nella sociologia di Elias*, in «Cambio. Rivista sulle trasformazioni sociali», no.2, 2011; *It Takes Time: Work of Quality, Work of Innovation*, in «Iris. European Journal of Philosophy and Public Debate», vol. 2 (4), 2010; *Culture del lavoro nel Novecento italiano*, in «Quaderni di Rassegna sindacale-Lavori», no.1, 2009; *Teorie sociologiche alla prova* (ed.), Firenze: Firenze University Press, 2009; *La sfida del declino industriale. Un decennio di cambiamenti* (ed.), Roma: Carocci, 2006; *Economics and sociology*, Entry for *The Elgar Companion to Alfred Marshall*, by T. Raffaelli, M. Dardi, G. Becattini (eds), Cheltenham, UK: Elgar Publisher, 2006; *Sociologie et histoire: quelles convergences aujourd’hui?* in «Histoire & Sociétés», no. 1, 2004.

Patricia Kirk received a MS degree in Sociology at The Department of Sociology and Social Work from Aalborg University, Denmark, in 2011. Her thesis was based on a field study in Istanbul, Mytilini, Athens and Rome where she studied the pathways of unaccompanied Afghan minors during their journey using the perspective of social correlations/figurations (Kirk, 2011). She is currently a sociologist on a project for unaccompanied Afghan minors in Athens, Greece, for The Church integration Service, Denmark, in cooperation with the Greek Council for Refugees.

Pedro López Roldán is University Professor and a member of the Centre d’Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball (QUIT) and the Institut d’Estudis del Treball (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). He is currently involved in researches related to sociology of labour, everyday life and gender. Moreover he has taken part in the methodological management of several surveys and has published articles and books on social research methodology, data analysis and social networks.

Ester Macri is a PhD Candidate in Methodology of Social Sciences at the Università degli Studi di Firenze. Her studies are focused on methodological issues related to (i) scaling techniques and models (e.g. Interval Scales) and (ii) Internet Surveys and their sampling strategies. She is a member of the Laboratory of Statistics for Research in Social and Educational field (StaRSE)- Università degli Studi di Firenze, and an Executive Board member of the Italian Association for Quality of Life Studies (AIQUAV). Visiting PhD (2011) at University of Shandong (China).

Alberto Marradi is a just retired full Professor of Methodology at the Università degli Studi di Firenze. He has been vice-chairman of the ISA research committee in Methodology (1982-1990) and keynote speaker in the First Latin-American Congress of Methodology (2010). He has directed a summer school in Methodology since 1999 and is responsible for higher education of the AIS (Association of Italian Sociologists). Since 2001 he has been directing a Master’s programme in Methodology at the University of Buenos Aires, and from next year he will direct a PhD programme in Social Sciences in the same university.

Antonio Martín is University Professor and a member of the Centre d’Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball (QUIT) and the Institut d’Estudis del Treball (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). As a researcher he is currently involved in research on the sociology of industrial work relations, labour market policies and the relationship between time, work and everyday life. One of his latest publications is *Between Decentralisation and Centralisation of Collective Bargaining. The Spanish case*, in «Industrielle Beziehungen», 10 (1).

Fausto Miguélez, University Professor, is the director of the Institut d’Estudis del Treball and he was the director of the Centre d’Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida Quotidiana i el Treball (QUIT) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. As a researcher he is currently involved in research on social structure, industrial relations, labour market policies and the relationship between time, work and everyday life. He has published a lot of papers and

books such as *Nuevas organizaciones del tiempo de trabajo. Tiempo de trabajo: balance de actuaciones en la Unión Europea* (CESB, 2006).

Oscar Molina Romo is Lecture Professor and member of the Centre d'Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball (QUIT) and the Institut d'Estudis del Treball (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). His main research interests are the study of industrial relations and collective bargaining from a comparative perspective, political economy of southern Europe and regional employment policies. One of his latest publications is *State and New Regulation of Industrial Relations in Spain: Old Wine in a New Governance Bottle?*, in «South European Society and Politics», 12 (4).

Sara Moreno Colom is Lecture Professor and a member of the Centre d'Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida quotidiana i el Treball (QUIT) and the Institut d'Estudis del Treball (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). As a researcher her areas of interest are research on work, time, care, welfare and everyday life. Special attention is paid in her research activity to social inequalities, social policies and gender approach. One of her latest publications is: *El tiempo de trabajo: de la jaula dorada a la libertad azarosa*, «Cuadernos de Relaciones Laborales», 28 (2).

Søren Peter Nagbøl has been Professor of Sociology at the Fakultät Wirtschaft und Sozialwissenschaften, University of Hamburg. He is currently lecturer in material culture studies at the Department of Education, School of Education, Aarhus University. His latest English publication is: *The Sociogenesis of Knowledge and Symbols*, in S. Nagbøl (ed.), *Norbert Elias - Back in Frankfurt a/M*, Copenhagen, 2007. Latest projects: cultural analysis, phenomenological-pedagogical studies, hermeneutical studies.

Angela Perulli is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Università degli Studi di Firenze, where she teaches Sociology and Sociology of everyday life in the Faculty of Political Science and is President of the first degree course in Sociology and Social Policies. Director of the Laboratory Cambio and member of the Figurational Research Network, her main research topics are: social processes, time patterns, local development, process sociology, social theory. Cooperating with several scientific journals such as «Stato e Mercato» and «Cuadernos de Relaciones Laborales» she is co-editor of the Cambio on line journal. Recent publications: *Beyond Dichotomous Thinking. The Society of Individuals*, in «Cambio. Rivista sulle trasformazioni sociali», no.1, 2011; *Review on Norbert Elias, Essay III. On Sociology and the Humanities, Vol. 16, The Collected Works of Norbert Elias*, in «Sociologica», 1, 2011; *Fare sviluppo. Identità, luoghi, trasformazioni sociali in un'area della Toscana* (ed.), Milano: F. Angeli, 2010; *Fare e usare il tempo*, in P. Giovannini (ed.), *Teorie sociologiche alla prova*, Firenze: Firenze University Press, 2009; *Dal carisma personale al carisma di gruppo. Note su N. Elias*, in G. Bettin Lattes, P. Turi (eds), *La sociologia di Luciano Cavalli*, Firenze: Firenze University Press, 2008.

Paul Scheffer is currently Professor of European Studies at the University of Tilburg. He studied psychology and political science in Nijmegen, Amsterdam and Paris. Worked as a correspondent in Paris and Warsaw. Between 2003 and 2011 was professor of urban sociology at the University of Amsterdam. His articles have been published in several European newspapers and magazines, such as Die Zeit, De Morgen, Frankfurter Allgemeine, Politiken and El Pais. His latest book is on migration in Europe and America: *Immigrant Nations* (2011).

Federico Silvestri graduated in Sociology at the Università degli Studi di Firenze with a thesis titled: *Nature and society: the symmetric anthropology of Bruno Latour as theory of modernity*. He conducts research on the theory of modernity.

Mario Telò is Professor of Political Science, International Relations and European Union Studies at the Université Libre of Bruxelles (ULB). Jean Monnet Honorary Chair of International Relations, President of the Institut d'Etudes européennes between 2005 and 2009, Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences, Bruxelles, served as

advisor for the Belgian Parliament, the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Council Presidency, and coordinated several international research networks. He currently teaches History of political thought at LUISS (Rome). Among his recent books: *EU and New Regionalism*, 2001; *Dallo Stato all'Europa*, 2005; *International Relations. A European perspective*, 2009; *Globalization, Europe, Multilateralism* (ed.), 2012.

Giovanna Tizzi, who graduated in Political Science at the Università degli Studi di Firenze with a thesis on civic networks and e-democracy, is a member of the immigration section of Oxfam Italia. As a researcher her areas of interest focus on research on migration studies, the integration process of migrants and social and political participation.

Teresa Torns Martín, University Professor, is a member of the *Centre d'Estudis Sociològics sobre la Vida Quotidiana i el Treball* (QUIT) and the *Institut d'Estudis del Treball* (IET) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). She is currently involved in researches related to gender inequalities, industrial relations from a gender perspective, work organisation and everyday life, time and changes in the labour market.

Sabrina Tosi Cambini, PhD in ethnoanthropological Research Methods (University of Siena, 2004), is a research fellow at the Fondazione Giovanni Michelucci and at the University of Verona, where she teaches Cultural Anthropology. Her research interests are in the field of urban anthropology, of living precariously, migration and mobility, social work, theatre. Main publications: *People feeling. For an Anthropology of the People Living on the Streets*, Rome: CISU, 2004; *The Gypsy Kidnapper. Stories, Complaints, Judgments (1986-2007)*, Rome: CISU, 2008; *Transition Zones. Ethnography in Urban Neighborhoods and in Public Spaces* (ed., with M. Bressan), Bologna: Il Mulino, 2011.

Andrea Valzania, PhD in Sociology, works at the University of Firenze and Siena. He collaborates with the Research Institute IRIS (Prato) and Tuscany Region. His research interests are local development, migration, social and labour policies. In recent years he has edited (with Fabio Berti): *The new frontiers of integration. The immigrants in Tuscany* (2010); *The local dynamics of integration* (2011).

Giovanna Vicarelli is Professor of Economic Sociology, at Faculty of Economics "Giorgio Fuà", Ancona. Director of Research Centre CRISS, she was the first president of the Italian section of the Sociology of Health and Medicine. With the publishing house Il Mulino she has published: *Alle radici della politica sanitaria in Italia. Società e salute da Crispi al fascismo* (1977); *Donne e professioni nell'Italia del Novecento* (a cura di, 2007); *Donne di medicina* (2008); *Regolazione e governance nei sistemi sanitari europei* (a cura di, 2011). In 2010 with Carocci she published *Gli eredi di Esculapio. Medici e politiche sanitarie nell'Italia unita*.