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Rocco Sciarrone (ed.), *Mafie del Nord. Strategie criminali e contesti locali*, Roma: Donzelli editore, 2014, pp.407, ISBN: 9788868430603

Promoted by RES, a research institute on economy and society in Sicily, this study turns its attention to areas of Mafia settlement in Northern and Central Italy. A large group of researchers reconstructed the different settlement patterns of mafias groups in several local societies, revealing the connections established among groups of economic and political power and mafia organizations, in what the author calls the “grey zone”, on the border between legality and illegality. The research applies with the best profit results of studies on localized social capital, offering an original key to the interpretation of the mechanisms of diffusion and rootedness of Mafia in non-traditional areas.

Franco Rositi, *I valori e le regole. I termini della teoria sociologica*, Napoli: Liguori, 2014, pp. 361, ISBN: 9788820763893

In eleven dense chapters, partly by reviewing formerly written essays, the Author faces a crucial problem for sociological knowledge, both on the theoretical and methodological level. On the first point, he discusses if the theory can help to redefine and order the fundamental concepts constantly used in sociological work: values and rules, of course, but also those of identity, ideology, micro-macro, private-public. On the second point, the terms to be defined or redefined are those of comprehension, explanation, structure. Not an easy task, that Rositi faces discussing the different meanings of these concepts assumed by the alternation of historical changes and their representations. The book - starting from a terminological reflection - thus provides an essential support to those who, researcher or scholar, has to deal with the often elusive reality of the social processes.

Folland S., Rocco L. (eds), *The Economics of Social Capital and Health. A Conceptual and Empirical Roadmap*, Washington D.C.: World Scientific, 2014, pp. 350, ISBN 978 9814293396

The purpose of this book edited by Sherman Folland and Lorenzo Rocco is to show the growth of knowledge in the field of social capital and health . The editors expose readers to a variety of approaches in order to think about and model the question of how health can be improved by investments in community social capital as well as by individual social capital. Based on the contribution of economists (from the United States, as well as from Europe and Asia), with a particular focus on interdisciplinary and innovation, the book contains cutting-edge theoretical and empirical thinkings on the relationship between social capital and health.

Quattrone R., *In itinere. Arte contemporanea in trasformazione*, Roma: EQUIPèCO Carmine Mario Muliere Editore, 2014, pp. 250, ISBN 9788898281008

Starting from the study of art in contemporary sociology and recovering in particular the cultural heritage of the French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu, this book addresses the main and most recent changes occurred in the world of art: from successful artist-entrepreneurs, to the expansion of the “artistic citizenship”; from the transformation of the museum (even and especially in his role); to the return of private patrons; up to the most recent artistic influences.

