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V. Martone, *Le mafie di mezzo. Mercati e reti criminali a Roma e nel Lazio*, Roma: Donzelli, 2017, pp. 228, ISBN 9788868436285

Martone introduces the results of an empirical research that explores three case studies in the Lazio region: the Ostia district and the Roman coast, the Southern Lazio and the city of Rome. The book reveals that several groups of organized crime have operated in the Lazio region for several decades, with a variety of forms of cohabitation ranging from cooperation to conflict. The analysis takes into consideration entrepreneurship, politics and local society, highlighting the existence of networks between legal and illegal, institutional structures and governance systems able to deeply affect the trajectories of socio-economic development of entire territories.

G. Turnaturi, *Non resta che l'amore. Paesaggi sentimentali italiani*, Bologna: il Mulino, 2018, pp. 128, ISBN 9788815274199

In Italy, love affairs give off an excess of warmth, a blend of emotions, among frustration, jealousy, resentment, desire for fusion and possession that often explode in a rage. Love is invested with too many and contradictory expectations: social redemption, emotional gratification, domination and trust. Today the imperative of performance and a sentimental imagination for which the love affair must be passionate and overwhelming make Italian women and men aspire to the charm of love more than ever, and in the author's view this is the only experience still accessible to everybody.

M. Mazzone, *La manutenzione. Un compito filosofico per l'homo faber*, Roma: Carocci, 2017, pp. 125, ISBN 9788843090594

Starting from the idea that human beings through thought and language are gods constructors of sense and relationships (of theyself, of others, of the world, of political and social institutions), this book shows how the discipline of attention (of thought, of planning for the future, of mediation) can help us to take care (and improve) political, social and cultural life in which we are intrinsically embedded everyday (family, political institutions, cultural education).

T.H. Eriksen, *Fuori controllo. Un'antropologia del cambiamento accelerato*, Torino: Einaudi 2017, pp. 218, ISBN 9788806234515

Eriksen gives new life to the discussion about global modernity by adopting the anthro-

pological approach in the analysis of how the accelerated and intensified contact – a typical characteristic of globalisation - leads to tensions, contradictions and conflict that affect the identity, the environment and the economy. While these crises are global in scope, they are perceived and experienced locally by people, and there are many contradictions arising between the standardization processes of global capitalism and the socially embeddedness of individual lives. If the global seems to be ungovernable, the author pays attention to which strategies for survival, autonomy and resistance are being developed at the local level.

M. Granovetter, *Società ed economia. Modelli e principi*, Milano: EGEA, 2017, pp. 291, ISBN 9788823815322

This book is a full account of the author's perspective on how the dimensions of society and those of the economy are interconnected. The economic activities far from being a sphere distinct from other human activities, are deeply embedded in the world of social relations and are subjected to the same emotions, ideas, and constraints as religion, science, politics, or law. Granovetter analyses how social actors tackle and solve problems of choice by assembling specific solutions in a pragmatic way, derived from this multitude of principles.

L. Baccaro, C. Howell, *Trajectories of Neoliberal Transformation: European Industrial Relations Since the 1970s*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 268, ISBN 9781139088381

This book examines the evolution of industrial relations in Western Europe from the end of the 1970s up to the present through a comparative political economy approach. The Authors evaluate the extent to which liberalization has taken hold of European industrial relations and institutions through five chapters, each focusing on a different country. The book provides a comprehensive description and analysis of changes happened to the institutions that regulate the labour market, as well as the relations between employers, unions, and states in Western Europe since the collapse of the long post-war economic boom.