

Book Review - Profiles

I. Bartholini, *The trap of proximity violence. Research and Insights into Male Dominance and Female Resistance*, Cham: Springer, 2020, pp. 122, ISBN 978-3030524500.

This book aims at shifting the emphasis from a general perspective of gender-based violence to the more opaque concept of *proximity violence*. The author explores in details a crucial conceptual triad – proximity violence, vulnerability, resistance-resilience – through five chapters aimed at identifying some mutual interconnections. She underlines as proximity violence provides and includes a fiduciary kind of *proximity*, of *dependent intimacy*, where the trust that the victim places in the other favours the exercise of violence itself, allowing it to take place, thus making it practically imperceptible when not actually normal, in extreme cases.

B. Grüning, A. Santambrogio (eds.), *Karl Mannheim. In difesa della sociologia. Saggi 1926-1936*, Milano: Meltemi, 2020, pp. 408, ISBN 9788855191883.

The book collects six essays written by Karl Mannheim between 1929 and 1936, which are relevant to understand the development of the author's thought, the role of sociology in the period between the two world wars, the cultural and public function of the discipline could have. The issues addressed show how sociological reflection also means reflecting on social transformations which are specific of difficult and hectic times, in the belief that this double reflection can lead to a critical knowledge of the current complex societies.

L. Queirolo Palmas, F. Rahola, *Underground Europe. Lungo le rotte migranti*, Milano: Meltemi, 2020, pp. 482, ISBN 9788855192347.

Through an ethnographic journey among border situations, temporary places and re-appropriated spaces (in Calais, Ventimiglia, Ceuta and Melilla, Athens, Paris, Patras, Pozzallo) the two authors move from station to station of a hypothetical underground railway, the Underground Europe, which represents the only possible escape from the claustrophobic and racialized geography of Europe today. The volume recounts the current migrant routes within, around and against the European borders through the historical lens of the Underground railroad, the essentially black experience of escaping from the chains of slavery and the plantation regime of the southern United States before the civil war.

A. Sayad (a cura di S. Paone, A. Petrillo), *Una Nanterre algerina, terra di bidonville*, 2020, Pisa: Edizioni ETS, pp. 136, ISBN 9788846753243.

This book for the first time proposes in Italian Abdelmalek Sayad's reconstruction of the genesis and development of what was once one of the largest French shanty towns. Starting in the mid-50s, a self-built settlement of Algerian workers has grown up around Nanterre, a satellite city of Paris and a new university site. The shanty town of Nanterre is the result of a long and complex migratory process, as consequence of the colonial policies already explored by Sayad himself together with Pierre Bourdieu in "le Deracinement" (1962). the Algerian Nanterre analysed by Sayad is the mirror of marginal forms of metropolitan living and, more generally, of the precariousness of migrant housing that today re-emerge in the European context.

I. Scotti, *Vento forte. Eolico e professioni della green economy*, Napoli-Salerno: Orthotes Editrice, 2020, pp. 152, ISBN 8893142619.

The ecological transition is a very topical issue and the awareness of the need for a profound change in an ecological sense is promoting green policies and innovative green solutions, in which “expert knowledge” plays an important role. The text tries to investigate the role and function of green professionals in the case of wind energy, focusing on the professional profile of the wind-farm developer. Through the results of an empirical research conducted in the southern Apennines, the author takes into consideration the relational processes through which the “green” professionalism translates the ecological transition at the local level by taking charge of local communities, interests.

Tribunale permanente dei popoli, *Diritti dei popoli e disuguaglianze sociali*, Milano: Altreconomia, 2020, pp. 192, ISBN 9788865163542.

The book collects a series of articles and documents that trace the history and activity of the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal since its establishment more than 40 years ago, strongly supported by Lelio Basso, and of which Franco Ippolito in his Preface reconstructs genesis, nature and legitimacy. The individual chapters, interspersed with documents of great interest, are edited by Simona Fraudatario and Gianni Tognoni, also authors of the short but very current Conclusion on the People of Migrants. Useful the Bibliography that closes the volume.