

Summary

Salvatore Lupo

Mafia, Politics and the History of Italy: reflections on the Andreotti trial

In this sharp critique of the commonplaces and of the stereotype about Mafia and politics seen through the mirror of the Andreotti trial, Lupo defends the historical judgement's autonomy. History of Southern Italian society can not be simply deduced by the testimonies of the «pentiti» or by the reports of the antimafia committee. But this argument, normally associated to a defence of the political *élite* is used by Lupo to condemn the attitudes of connivance with Mafia that characterized politics during the so called first republic.

Jane and Peter Schneider

From peasants fights to urban wars: the «antimafia» movement in Palermo

This essay analyses the cultural background of the «antimafia» activists and it is the result of a field-research in Palermo. It is a study of the «antimafia» discourse, from a class-oriented «grammar», linked to the heritage of the peasants fights for the agrarian reforms in the forties and fifties, to a diverse perspective of the social justice based on the experience of the protest against clientelism, corruption and mafia. Despite these differences, there are many tracts of continuity between the old and the new forms of social protest and this fact can explain the success as well as the deficiencies of the «antimafia» movement.

Antonino Blando

The «antimafia» routes

This short article is a sketch of the political practice of the «antimafia», the fight against the mafia, in Sicily and particularly in the town of Palermo during the last forty years. It deserves a close attention to the changes in the public opinion since the eighties, and to the political consequences of these changes.

Rosario Mangiameli and E. Igor Mineo

Priests against the Mafia: an interview to Don Cosimo Scordato

Don Cosimo Scordato is one of the priests most engaged in the fight against the Mafia. He leads the Centro sociale San Saverio in the Palermo popular quar-

tier of Albergheria. Scordato speaks of the role of the Catholic Church in the sicilian society and underlines the delay in the catholic awareness of the dangers of Mafia.

Andreotti and the history of Italy. A discussion

To the debate, recorded on 27th March 1996, participate Paolo Flores d'Arcais, Emanuele Macaluso and Salvatore Lupo. The discussion, leaded by Carmine Donzelli, is about the different interpretations of the role of Andreotti in the italian history and about the relationship between Mafia and politics.

Walter Palmieri

The «offering of state» in the southern agriculture of the early nineteenth century: transformations and constraints

This article enlightens the developing of the state politics in favour of the agricultural development in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies during the first half of the nineteenth century. Either in case of good results (like the introduction of the potato) or in that of meagre results (like the attempt to develop the cotton plantations) the action of the state emerges as the major factor in the agricultural change during the period.

Benedetto Meloni

Sardinian shepherds in Tuscan countryside

The lands between Siena and Volterra, in Tuscany, are populated by a little community of shepherds who came from Sardinia in the last thirty years. They occupied lands traditionally cultivated with the original sharecropping system (*mezzadria*) and introduced in this country their traditional activity. In this essay Meloni shows the process of adaptation to the changed conditions of life and work and the way in which traditional cultural items facilitate the integration.