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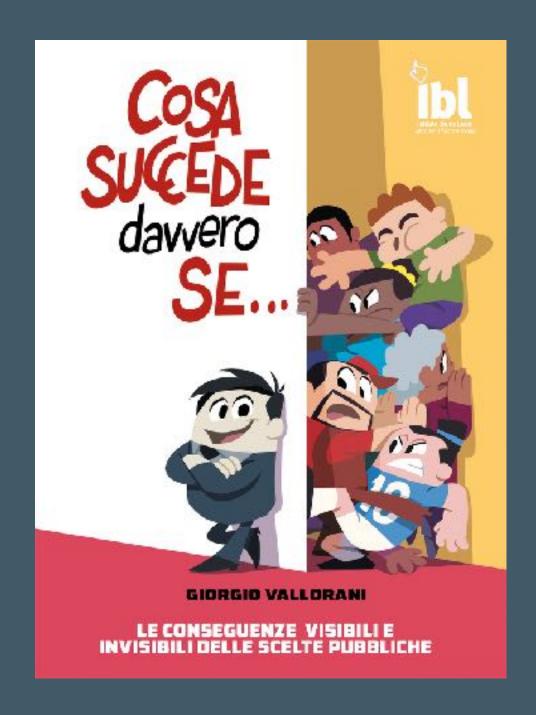
To the attention of Dr Massimo Pedrazzini Fidinam International Charity Foundation

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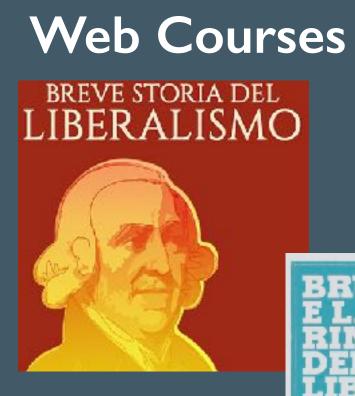
- Istituto Bruno Leoni is grateful to the Fidinam International Charity Foundation's support over the years.
- The Foundation's support has helped Istituto Bruno Leoni to grow its outreach in recent years, in spite of the pandemic and difficulties that hindered its traditional activities.
- Established in December 2003, IBL is today:
 - 203 Briefing Papers (in-depth reports on public policy issues);
 - 121 Occasional Papers (theoretical essays by classical or contemporary authors);
 - 86 other Papers (Special Reports, Policy Papers, Position Papers etc.);
 - 375 Focus (short briefs on policy-related issues);
 - More than 250 books and eBooks (by IBL Libri), and 56 through other publishing houses.



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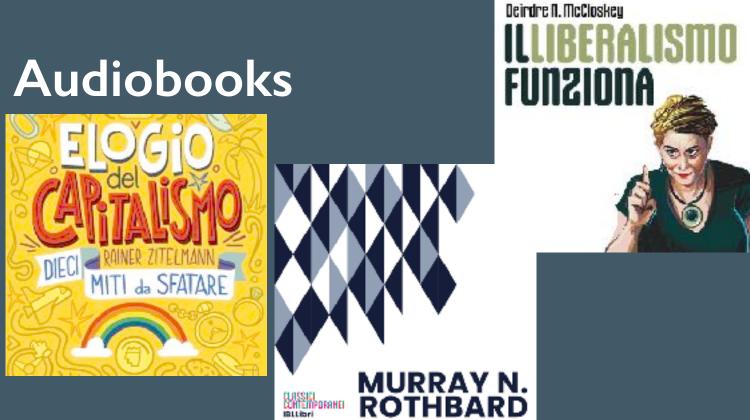
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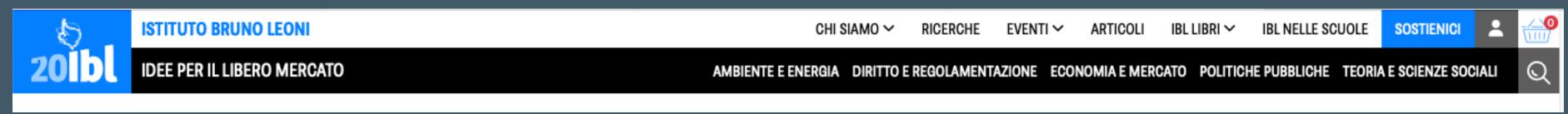






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A NEW SUPPORT REQUEST

THERE'S A GREAT FUTURE IN OUR PAST

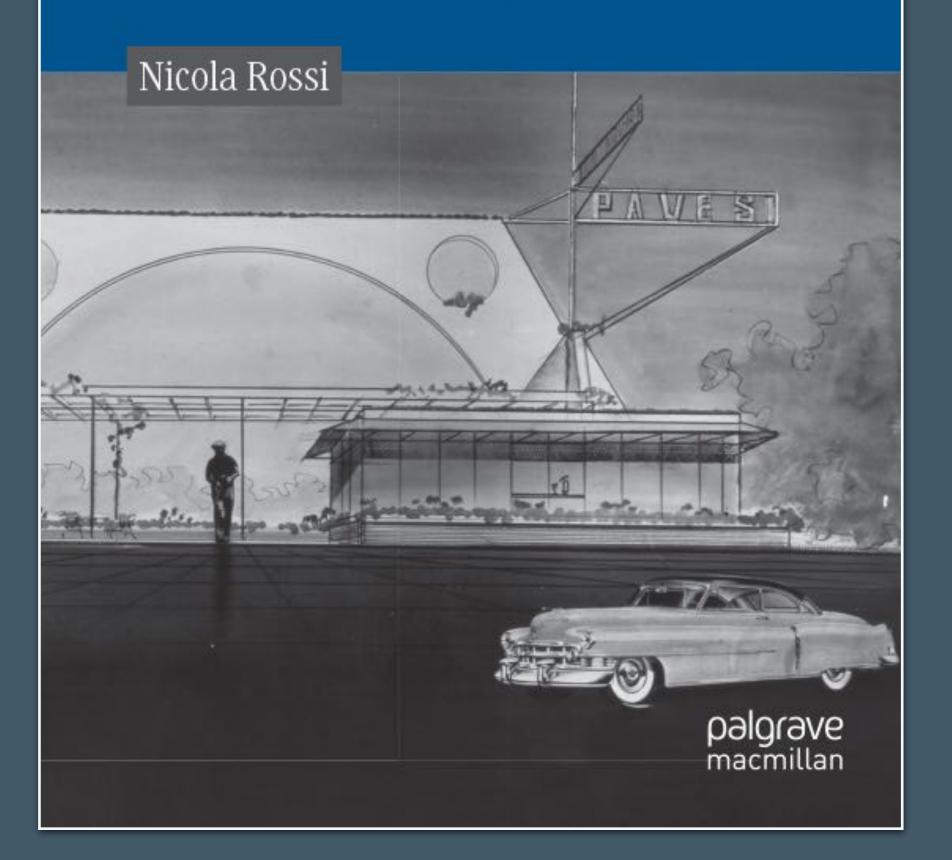
- In recent years, IBL has conducted a thorough research in the history of Italy's economic development, under the leadership of Professor Nicola Rossi
- IBL has digitalized and analyzed the records of the establishment and/or closing of businesses of all types for a selected number of Italian chambers of commerce, 1910 to the present
- This makes our research the one which starts at the earliest date among similar datasets in the world (the most renowned is managed by the Kauffman Foundation in the US). Eventually, the whole dataset will be available at https://dinamismo.brunoleoni.com/
- But such data also allowed professor Rossi to complete an engaging and pathbreaking analysis of Italy's growth since unification.







Reframing Italian Economic History, 1861–2021 Creative Destruction and the Italian Society



UN MIRACOLO NON FA IL SANTO

- Looking at business dynamism through Italian history, Nicola Rossi finds that Italy had a very short window of time in which it generated businesses at a substantial rate: roughly, the period 1956-1971
- For the rest of Italy's history, in spite of the typical narrative of Italy as a catching-up country, economic dynamism (business net creation) remains flat
- This suggests deep and ongoing cultural problems, that influenced not only institutions but also customs and practices
- Professor Rossi finds that the short period of the Italian economic boom showed the predominance of other cultural traits, due to the government taking a hands-off rather than a paternalistic attitude.



Fig. 2.11 Net Turnover Rate (Italy vs USA Trend Components, 1983-2021)

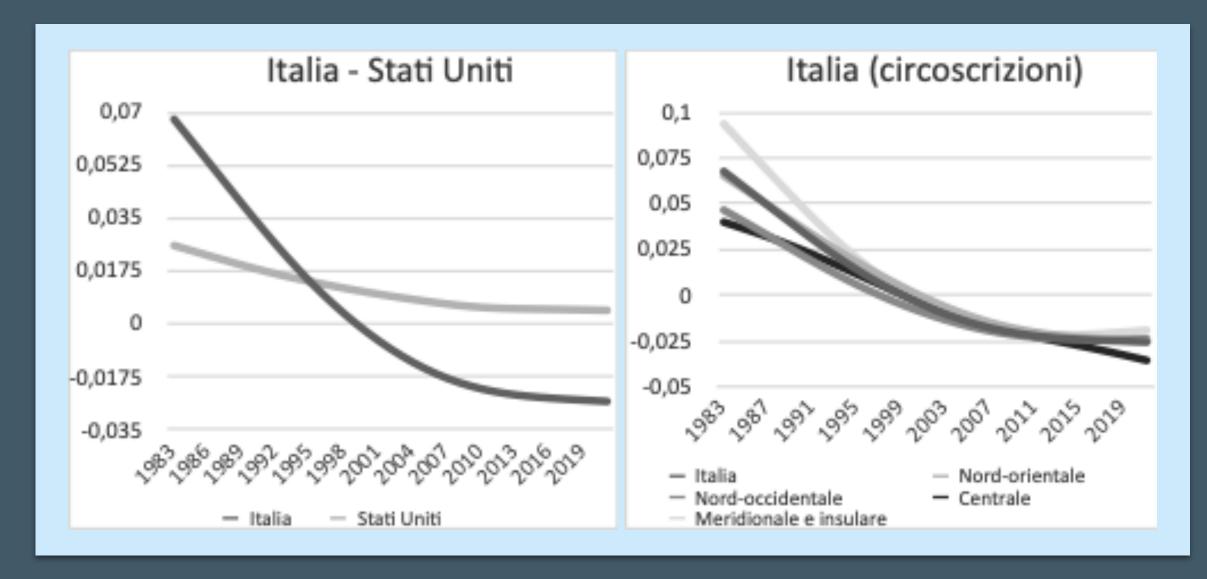
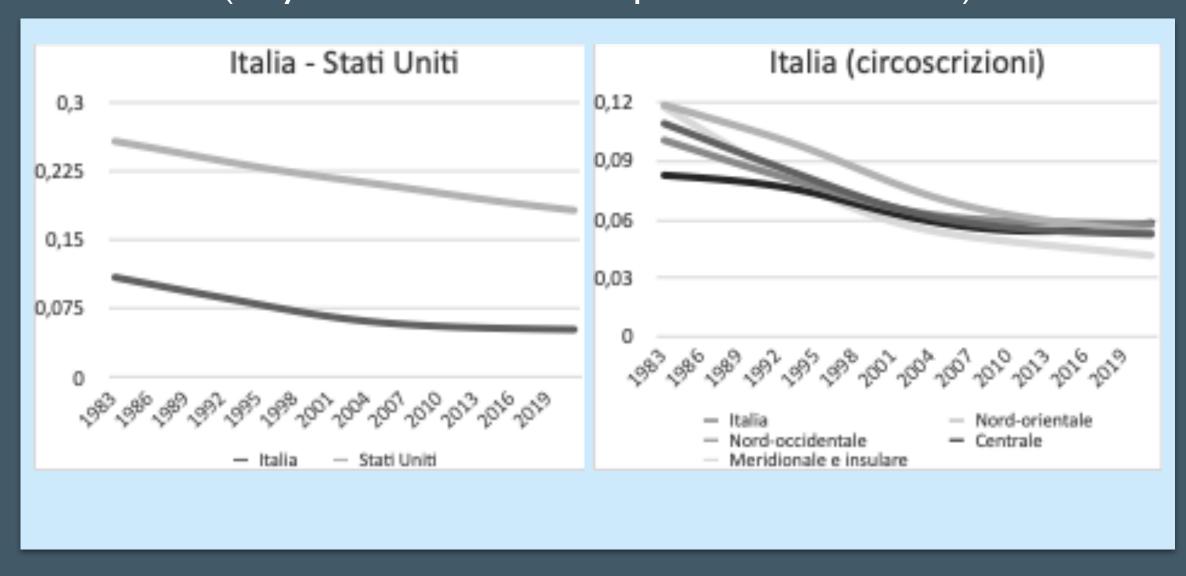
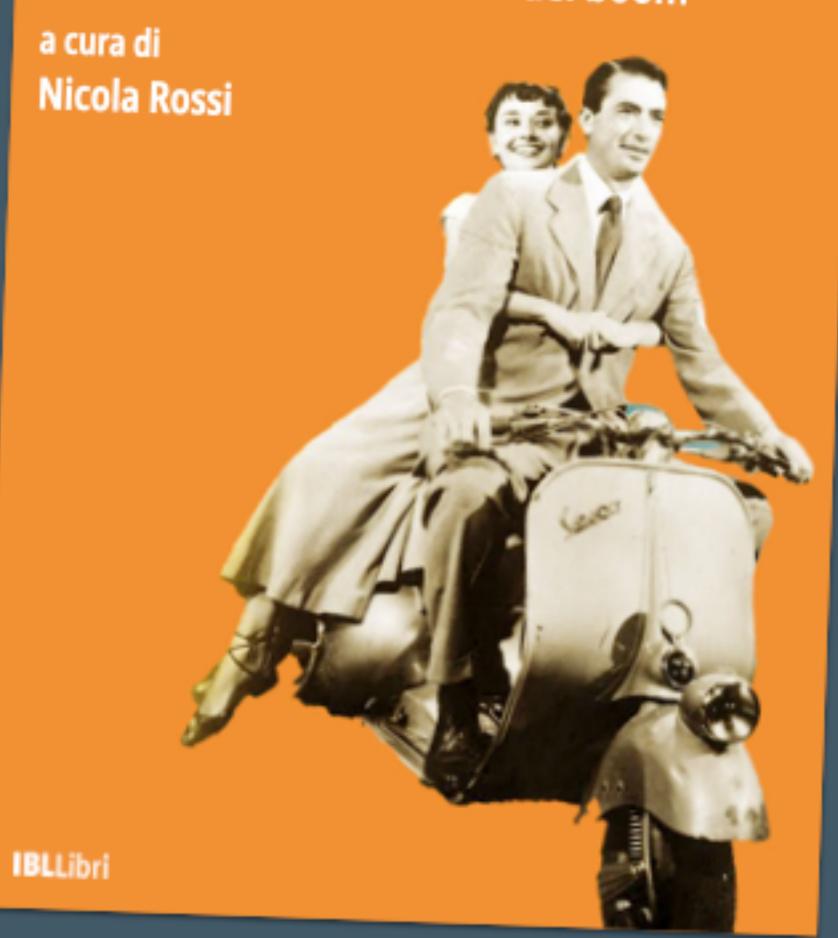


Fig. 2.12 Gross Turnover Rate (Italy vs USA Trend Components, 1983-2021)



Il santo che ha fatto il miracolo

Norme e cultura nell'Italia del boom



THE CULTURE THAT MATTERS

- Professor Rossi's research will be soon completed with a further volume, assessing the cultural and political climate of the 1950s
- Though the main features of those years are certainly impossible to replicate, the core idea of this book is to investigate how culture experienced a change in those years
- The idea is to see if and how this could be **transplanted in contemporary times**
- The book will include analysis non only of legislation, political culture, but also popular culture items and movies, seen as proxy of widespread beliefs.



MAKING A GREAT RESEARCH ACCESSIBLE

- IBL proposes to Fidinam International Foundation to support a **documentary** aiming at making these research studies available to a larger public
- The documentary will feature interviews, archival material, animations, in order to provide the viewer with a **compelling narrative** of what happened in the economic boom years
- The analysis of contemporary pop culture will allow for a less economic-centered approach and potentially a larger number of viewers
- The documentary will be 52 minutes long, allowing for placement in local TV networks.



COSTS BREAKDOWN

DOCUMENTARY ON THE ITALIAN MIRACLE YEARS

Direction and Editing	10.000€
Archival material (video), estimating 30 mins out of 52 [*]	€ 1.500 x 30 45.000
Consultancy fees (script-writing and TV placement)	5.000 €
First screening in Milan (event organization, hiring of a cinema room, refreshment for participants)	12.000€
Total	72.000 €
[*] Estimate based upon usage fees of Istituto Luce and Teche Rai's material [newsprograms, not movies] and assuming pictures may be provided for free by company museums.	

IBL NELLE SCUOLE

INTEGRATING IBL LECTURES IN THE ITALIAN HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

- Fondazione Fidinam has long **supported IBL nelle scuole**. This proposal would help in increasing its relevance.
- Reaching students a priority of our lectures, and we believe that facilitating teachers in organizing their presentation into schools is a crucial factor. The authorization process to bring into the Italian public schools projects originating with outside actors has become highly bureaucratized, thus burdening educators with a discouraging amount of formalities.
- For this reason, we took the new mandatory curriculum on economics and civics (PCTO) as a new opportunity to meet the teachers' organizational and educational needs. We devised a new section of "IBL nelle Scuole" that helps them fulfil the Ministry's new requirements on the new curriculum, while providing students with a primer on the ideas that shaped economic history (focusing in particular on Adam Smith, Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes, the Austrian and Chicago School of Economics) from a classic liberal point of view.
- To support this program of on line education, we will produce a **series of video**s which should be useful to teachers to kick off the discussion in class.



COSTS BREAKDOWN

ENHANCEMENTS TO IBL NELLE SCUOLE

10 video lectures (high-quality graphics and animations) €800 each	8,000 €
Advertisement on online resources for teachers	2,000 €
Total	10,000€



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