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Abstract

Latin America is currently responding to the growing challenges posed by migratory movements, which led to the intensification of multilateral cooperation and to new processes of regional integration. The issue of regional integration has great relevance in the context of the Latin American scientific debate, considering that since the post-colonial era it has followed the path of what was historically established as an American utopia. After a reconstructive synthesis about the origins and evolution of integrationist thought, with the contribution of regional institutional documents, this paper intends to investigate the evolution of the idea of citizenship that supported the plan of democratization of the integration processes realized in Latin America over the past thirty years. The analysis focuses on the participation of civil society and on the role played by cultural heritage and collective memory concerning the construction of regional identity, highlighting the cultural and political significance of «lucha ciudadana» of the indigenous pueblos.

Keywords: democratic transition, citizenship, participation, collective memory, cultural heritage

Guardando il futuro: sviluppo rurale e aspettative di domani nella campagna della Provincia di Alessandria

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Looking to the future: rural development and tomorrow's expectations in the countryside of the Province of Alessandria

Abstract

This article is based on ethnographic research conducted in the province of Alessandria, in northwestern Italy, with a focus on its rural development and the perspectives of its inhabitants.

This paper links the characteristics of the rural landscape with how farmers imagine their future and the future of their farm. In the general context of economic stress that the sector is experiencing at a local and national level, the socioeconomic challenges impact on the farmers and affect their very perception of the rural landscape, marking a turning point in the future of agriculture.

The paper explores how the farmers' visions of the future relate to their connection with the rural landscape. It analyzes the meanings associated with the different cultivations and which factors have the greatest influence on defining their visions of the future and, thus, their entrepreneurial choices. In particular, it looks at individual working life expectancy and longevity of the company as decisive factors in either advancing or withdrawing their agricultural activities.

In so doing, the paper suggests what entrepreneurial strategies farmers tend to adopt for their farm, building different landscapes in a context of profound ecological transformation.

Keyword: rural development, future, hope, forest, wheat, meadow, hazelnuts

Interpretare i riti battesimali negli ipogei della Sicilia Iblea

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Interpreting the baptismal rites in the hypogea of Hyblean Sicily

Abstract

The study analyzes, through multidisciplinary contributions, the role of some baptisteries located in Syracuse's inland, in particular that of contrada Petracca, placed inside a hypogean compound, called Grotta della Madonna (in the territory of Noto), and that of Cava San Pietro (in the district of Buscemi), whose church, entirely dug into the rock, takes the same name (Chiesa San Pietro).

The analysis presents the cave as a place of cult and as a liturgical space, where different elements are well-established, which interact each other: not only the architectural plane regarding the churches' structures - which seems to have considerable repercussions on the actual ritual practice - but also, and especially, the way in which the practice of the baptism ritual, established therein, communicates with the hypogean space.

The essay intends to develop an interpretative concept, regarding the use of certain liturgical spaces, where the first christian community in the hyblean area becomes real.

Keywords: baptism, churches, caves, rituals, Hyblean Sicily

The ambiguity and connective power of spider Considerations on the central symbol of tarantism

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Abstract

The *taranta* – the central symbol of the mythical-ritual complex of tarantism, in Apulia, Southern Italy – had the power to motivate and influence local representations of suffering, healing practices, the imaginary, social life and the relationship of the peasants to their land. Through an analysis of the behaviour of the two spiders that occupy a prominent role in tarantism, the relationship of the peasants with the land they inhabited and a re-reading of ethnographical accounts about some aspects of the mythical-ritual complex of tarantism, I propose that the power of *taranta* resides in its ambiguity, in its ability to establish connections between the natural, human and spiritual worlds and the physiological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions of the human being. Crossing ethnographical data with an analysis of the behaviour of the two spiders in tarantism, I also propose an explanation for the prominence of *Lycosa Tarantula* over the *Latrodectus Tredecim Guttatus* in tarantism, although the second spider has a much more poisonous sting which produces many of the symptoms attributed to the *taranta*.

Keywords: taranta, spider, tarantism, ritual symbols, human-nature relationship

La dimensione euristica dell'ambiente e dell'uomo per un'analisi della loro interazione

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The heuristic dimension of the environment and man for an analysis of their interaction

Abstract

In an attempt to approach new theoretical developments concerning the relationship between man and nature, the author offers the reader the possibility to know in a historical-anthropological context, the unfolding of actions that retrace ancient times up to the present day, as well as the transformation of human attention to the natural environment.

However, these attentions follow a path that considers the environment as an inexhaustible source of profit, if we consider: a) the devastating hoarding of natural resources, b) the unstoppable widening of the gap between wealth and poverty in the world.

The first part of this work focuses on the analysis of an action that is benevolent, namely Nature's generosity as a constant supplier with its regenerating, productive and reproductive power, even if subordinate to man. And this is an action regulated by a univocal and unidirectional causality constraint.

The second part, however, notes a reciprocity in the actions: on the one hand the benevolent action mentioned above, on the other hand the predatory action perpetrated by man against the natural environment and, as a countermeasure, nature who wants to regain its role as the main regulator of all forms of life that coexist on Planet Earth.

Keywords: determinismo, jet emplacing, overshoot, pandemia, probabilismo

**Verso un riformismo italiano?
Nuove generazioni tra secolarismo e vita musulmana**

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Toward an Italian reformism? New Generations between Secularism and Muslim Life

Abstract

After an overview of how the secularization thesis has impacted the study of Islam in Europe and Italy, the paper explores the way new generations of Muslims in Northern Italy rediscover and reinterpret Islam through social media and Islamic youth groups. The article relies on interviews with Muslims raised in Italy who were born between the late 1990s and early 2000s as well as on materials drawn from social profiles and online discussion groups of Islamic youth groups that these young Muslims attend. The paper illustrates that, in line with long-standing trajectories within Islamic reformist thought, these “second generation” Muslims aim to live Islam in a more conscious way than their parents and also the Muslims who live in their countries of origin. It finally argues that, as my interlocutors contribute to the definition of an “Italian Islam”, they claim recognition not only for their Muslim identity but also for the possibility of cultivating their Islamic spirituality within the secular-liberal institutional and intellectual environment of contemporary Italy.

Keywords: European Islam, secularism, second generations, young Muslims, Islamic reformism