

# **Lo spettacolo della corruzione. Élites e partiti in Pareto**

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*Abstract:* A century after its enunciation, the theory of elites of Pareto still is a profound and original analysis of the relationship between politics and economics in our era, dominated by the “economic interests”. In this theory, the corruption of the parties, their rejection by the public opinion, their substitution with the “experts” of the economic command, are explained by the current moral cycle founded on the “logic of the combinations” that transforms the political parties in tools of pillage. In the conclusions, it is argued that the revival of the political parties will happen if their goal is no longer to “go to the government,” but to recognize each other as “parts” of a common whole.

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