

# Un libro necessario

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*A Necessary Book*

*Abstract:* Outside of Germany, Italy has been the country that has made some of the most important contributions to the study of Max Weber's work since the middle of the last century. This strand of studies is now crowned by Realino Marra's excellent monograph, which is a necessary starting point if we are to re-examine the question of the relationship between Weber's historiographic and sociological work and the Western legal tradition – a theme dear to the Italian historicist tradition. Making skilful use of the materials of the critical edition, the book offers an adequate reconstruction of the continuities and discontinuities of the work, of its stratified and complex gestation, of its remaining an interrupted construction site.

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