

## Le Serie Tv

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This book offers the first comprehensive study of recent, popular Italian television. Building on work in American television studies, audience and reception theory, and masculinity studies, *Sympathetic Perpetrators and their Audiences on Italian Television* examines how and why viewers are positioned to engage emotionally with—and root for—Italian television antiheroes. Italy's most popular exported series feature alluring and attractive criminal antiheroes, offer fictionalized accounts of historical events or figures, and highlight the routine violence of daily life in the mafia, the police force, and the political sphere. Renga argues that Italian broadcasters have made an international name for themselves by presenting dark and violent subjects in formats that are visually pleasurable and, for many across the globe, highly addictive. Taken as a whole, this book investigates what recent Italian perpetrator television can teach us about television audiences, and our viewing habits and preferences.

The present volume offers a contemporary, multicultural approach to the controversial relationship between politics, media and society. The contributors here analyse such links from a variety of different perspectives, and represent perspectives from various countries across Europe, Asia, North America and South America. Despite their geographical diversity, they manage to reach a common language in their studies, offering a re-positioning of the study of media, society and politics. The new perspectives offered by this volume will be of interest to any media studies scholar, because they bring to light new ideas, new methodologies and results that could be further developed. It allows readers to explore these unique insights, and to easily digest the content and acknowledge the impact of media on society and politics.

This book establishes, and then analyses, the interrelation between series and dependence by focusing on two aspects of their connection: the overconsumption of TV series, and the production devices that lead to it. Due to its two-sided nature, the volume brings together specialists from different backgrounds. On the one hand, it involves people working with addiction, such as psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers, whose analytical tools and statistics are extremely useful in assessing the prevalence of TV series addiction, as well as its consequences, in order to make sense of its mechanics. For similar reasons, the authors also include professionals working with children and teenagers, since youths under 18 are largely affected by addictive tendencies. On the other hand, other contributions here are authored by TV series specialists, producers and scriptwriters, as well as academics in the fields of film and TV series studies, cultural studies, and narratology. Their specific perspectives on the topic help better understand what it is about the construction or reception of TV series that aims to create, maintain, amplify, or, on the contrary, curb their ingrained addictive effects.

Culture is one of the most important elements for explaining individuals' behaviors within the social structure. It meets the various social needs of members of a society by directing how individuals must react to various events and how to act in specific circumstances. A planned and systematic process is required for disseminating this cultural accumulation as a policy, which is produced collectively by all members within their everyday life practices. *The Handbook of Research on Examining Cultural Policies Through Digital Communication* provides emerging research on this aspect of cultural policy, which is formed within the framework of this systematic process in a strategic manner and can be defined as various activities of the state intended for art, human sciences, and cultural inheritance. Creating such cultural policies involves the establishment of measures and organizations required for the development of each individual, providing economic and social facilities, all of which are actions intended for directing society. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as long-distance education, digital citizenship, and public diplomacy, this book is ideally designed for academicians, researchers, advanced-level students, sociologists, international and national organizations, and government officials.

At Master's level, students in Translation Studies may choose to complete their course by compiling a dissertation by commentary. Such projects involve detailed discussions of the strategies and procedures that students opt for when translating a source text of their choice (be it literary, audiovisual, or technical). However, the vast majority of these dissertations by commentary usually remain stored in university libraries. *Achieving Consilience: Translation Theories and Practice* brings to the fore the theoretical and practical potential of these dissertations by commentary. It demonstrates how theories in Translation Studies can be fruitfully, consciously and systematically applied during the translation practice, thus helping to transcend the received wisdom according to which theorists and practitioners share little common ground. Additionally, the contributors to this volume evince their ability to apply a research-driven approach to their analysis by comparing their work with official translations or other field-related texts. As such, this essay collection will contribute to a better understanding of the translator's decision-making process, and will offer future students valuable guidelines regarding the procedure normally followed in completing a dissertation by commentary.

Designed for one-semester intermediate French courses, *SUR LE VIF* offers a contextualized review of the fundamentals, adding just enough new material to expand the language skills of students without overwhelming them. The text is divided into an in-class conversation manual and an out-of-class grammar reference, giving instructors the flexibility to choose among readings, activities, and grammar practice to meet the varied needs of intermediate students. In nine short chapters, *SUR LE VIF* encompasses a full-length intermediate course with its provocative readings, active grammar review, and updated cultural notes. The program also takes into account the importance of audio and visual elements: the Prelude (before Chapter 1), two Interludes (after Chapters 3 and 6), and Postlude (after Chapter 9) contain new songs and follow-up activities. By skillfully weaving grammar review into thought-provoking chapter themes, *SUR LE VIF* provides a solid review of first-year French while adding refinements for improved skills in reading,



created since 1906, while introducing Italian and Italian-American mafia history and culture. The second edition includes new original essays on essential films and TV shows that have emerged since the publication of the first edition, such as *Boardwalk Empire* and *Mob Wives*, as well as a new roundtable section on Italy's "other" mafias in film and television, written as a collaborative essay by more than ten scholars. The edition also introduces a new section called "Double Takes" that elaborates on some of the most popular mafia films and TV shows (e.g. *The Godfather* and *The Sopranos*) organized around themes such as adaptation, gender and politics, urban spaces, and performance and stardom.

The contributions gathered in this volume define and discuss concepts, themes, and theories related to contemporary audiovisual seriality. The series investigated include *Black Mirror*, *Game of Thrones*, *House of Cards*, *Penny Dreadful*, *Sherlock*, *Orange Is the New Black*, *Stranger Things*, *Vikings*, and *Westworld*, to mention just some. Including contributions from social and media studies, linguistics, and literary and translation studies, this work reflects on seriality as a process of social, linguistic and gender/genre transformation. It explores the dynamics of reception, interaction, and translation; the relationship between authorship and mass consumption; the phenomena of multimodality, and intertextuality.

Let's face it: you can't really learn Italian from grammar books. Conversation is the key to mastering a foreign language. In this book, you will find some basic Italian conversations followed by a key words section with the English equivalents of the Italian expressions used in the dialogues. Enjoy it ? and remember: we can't help gesticulating when we speak!

"This paper presents new data from 150 countries showing that former cabinet members, central bank governors, and financial regulators are many orders of magnitude more likely than other citizens to become board members of banks. Countries where the politician-banker phenomenon is more prevalent have higher corruption and more powerful yet less accountable governments, but not better functioning financial systems. Regulation becomes more pro-banker where this happens more often. Furthermore, a higher fraction of the rents that are created accrue to bankers, former politicians are not more likely to be directors when their side is in power, and banks are more profitable without being more leveraged. Rather than supporting a public interest view, the evidence is consistent with a capture-type private interest story where, in exchange for a non-executive position at a bank in the future, politicians provide for beneficial regulation."--World Bank web site.

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Stephen Hawking avrebbe dovuto passare piu tempo ad aiutare la scienza medica a risolvere i problemi, compreso il suo, anziche cercare buchi neri nelle profondita della sua "mente brillante," criticando aspramente quella che lo ha creato. Il dramma che lo ha reso disabile avrebbe potuto spingerlo a usare la sua "mente brillante" per aiutare gli altri sulla terra, invece di cercare buchi neri e inseguire l'infinitesimo, lasciando che se ne occupino quelli che non sono in condizioni fisiche come la sua. Avrebbe potuto divertirsi con un telescopio a casa sua, come facevo io quando abitavo a Miami, North Miami Beach, e poi a Oakland Park, mentre lo scorrere del tempo scandiva la mia vita. A quanto ne so, l'orgoglio di essere l'uomo dei buchi neri non lo sta aiutando, perche avrebbe dovuto spiegarci come difenderci da questi mostri anti Dio. Se uno di loro va fuori orbita e ci viene addosso, lui e la sua famiglia diventano cibo per buchi neri, poiche non hanno un Dio che li difende. Questi divoratori della galassia terrorizzano angeli e demoni, e turbano i sogni dei bambini."

A television series is tagged with the label "cult" by the media, advertisers, and network executives when it is considered edgy or offbeat, when it appeals to nostalgia, or when it is considered emblematic of a particular subculture. By these criteria, almost any series could be described as cult. Yet certain programs exert an uncanny power over their fans, encouraging them to immerse themselves within a fictional world. In *Cult Television* leading scholars examine such shows as *The X-Files*; *The Avengers*; *Doctor Who*, *Babylon Five*; *Star Trek*; *Xena, Warrior Princess*; and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* to determine the defining characteristics of cult television and map the contours of this phenomenon within the larger scope of popular culture.

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