

*Le vie dell'innovazione*, Feltrinelli, Milan 1988 (with C. Donolo), 301 pp.

The research presented here, moving in many directions and on multiple levels, shows the merits and risks inherent in a mature democracy, which - thanks to innovations – may be able to withstand the challenges inherent in a new phase of modernization.

The most original aspect of the book is the idea of "the limitations of politics" in a mature democracy (which do however provide opportunities for those capable of innovation), proposing a wholly new concept of innovation specific to the social and political context from the point of view of the importance it gives to the cognitive and interpretative processes in social change, identifying new and often politically problematic areas, which can contribute to the definition of a new, hypermodern perspective of accelerated change.