

Issue 126 Special Coronavirus Issue

ITALY: “Pandemia 2020. La vita quotidiana in Italia con il COVID-19-19” (Pandemia 2020. Daily life in Italy with COVID-19-19) This impressive 246-page rapid-response book includes 22 articles written by experts in a range of fields. and 12 interviews with cultural personalities on the theme of the 2020 pandemic. It appeared within one month of the first

Italian lockdown and is available free (see below), but unfortunately only in Italian.

Edited by **Giovanni Ferrari** and **Alessandra Guigoni**, the authors include **Luciano Floridi**, the philosopher of information; **Roberto Vacca**, a writer and scientific populariser, the semiologist **Gianfranco Marrone**, the linguist **Massimo Arcangeli** and the geneticist **Edoardo Boncinelli**. The book’s press release describes it as “a series of short essays, points of view and interviews with cultural anthropologists, sociologists, human and biological science researchers, philosophers and linguists who have decided to make their skills and knowledge available to try to understand what is happening and how to face the future.”

The authors “unite three generations of scholars who have been asked to focus their attention on the socio-anthropological dimension of this epidemic. The answer was an **analysis of the present situation** starting from ethnographic, historical and medical data, aimed at building an **anthropology of the emergency** without precipitating into futurology or conspiracy politology.”

The book can be **downloaded free of charge** from <https://tinyurl.com/ybem5nku>. A. Guigoni, R. Ferrari (2020 eds.) *Pandemia 2020: La vita quotidiana in Italia con il COVID-19-19*, M&J Publishing House; ISBN 979-11-85666-18-1