

Exciting news!!! The [1/2024 issue](#) of the four-monthly journal [Economia&Lavoro](#) is now available **in open access mode on the www.rivisteweb.it website**. As usual, the table of contents and abstracts are available on [Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini](#)'s website, whereas paper copies can be [purchased online](#).

The issue opens with a section commemorating **Enzo Bartocci**, social scientist, socialist politician, and President of Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini. The introduction by **Giuseppe Ciccarone** is followed by an article by **Enzo Bartocci** himself, already published in the 3/2015 issue of "Economia&Lavoro", aimed at **analysing social policies**, and describing the sequence of events that allows for a correct interpretation of the features and importance of such policies. The contribution by **Vittorio Cotesta** outlines the **fundamental contribution** provided by Bartocci to **historical and comparative sociology** aimed at understanding the present. **Paolo Borioni** describes the **role** played by Bartocci as Minister Brodolini's closest long-time collaborator **in the adoption of the most significant series of socialist reforms in our history**. **Andrea Ricciardi** analyses the birth and development of the **research project on Italian socialism cultures**. The section ends with a contribution by **Andrea Panaccione**, who examines such project, along with previous works, through a **historical and comparative perspective**.

Next is the monographic section on **monopsony and labour markets**, edited by **Lorenzo G. Luisetto** and **Luca Nogler**. After the introduction by the two editors, **Jacopo Sala** examines the phenomenon of **employer power**, with a specific focus on the effects of labour market concentration on workers' welfare. **Antonio Eugenelo** discusses the main features of seven Italian franchise agreements entered into by a major international franchisor in the quick service restaurant industry, six of which clearly enforce **no-poaching clauses**, and analyses the differences between EU and US competition case law and labour markets. **Emanuele Menegatti** analyses the **Italian regulatory framework concerning covenants not to compete**, comparing it with the UK and US ones. The section ends with the contribution by **Tito Boeri**, **Andrea Garnerò**, and **Lorenzo G. Luisetto**, who provide the first empirical insights on how firms use **clauses other than non-compete agreements, such as non-disclosure, non-solicitation of clients/business, non-recruitment, and repayment of training agreements**.

The contribution by **Giovanni Bonifati** discusses the **systemic conditions in order for demand and production growth to deploy their employment-generating potential in full**, while at the same time generating more employment and more leisure time, potentially for all those who participate in the ongoing process of change.

The issue ends with an essay by **Armanda Cetrulo**, **Angelica Sbardella**, and **Maria Enrica Virgillito**, who provide an empirical analysis of the determinants of **growing inequality, looking at the wage distribution in Italy from 1983 to 2018**.

Book Reviews

L. Baccaro, M. Blyth, J. Pontusson (eds.), *Diminishing Returns: The New Politics of Growth and Stagnation* (by Gabriele Beretta)

F. Sotte, *La politica agricola europea. Storia e analisi* (by Paola Bertolini)