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The issue opens with a monographic section on **undeclared and underpaid work of immigrants**, edited and introduced by **Natale Forlani** and **Antonello Scialdone**. **Alfredo Rizzo** focuses on the issue of **labour exploitation of migrants irregularly staying in the EU**, analysing it within the specific legal framework stemming from a supranational dimension (the EU one). The contribution by **Francesco Pomponi** aims to clarify the **correlation between the condition of foreign workers in Italy**, characterised by widespread forms of poor work and undeclared work, **with migration policies**. Next is the essay by **Isidoro Bracchi, Maria Saide Liperi, Francesco Pomponi, and Aldo Rosano**, who summarise the **main findings of the INAPP survey “Data collection activities, through interviews, aimed at reconstructing the cognitive framework of the characteristics of undeclared and irregular work of foreigners in Italy”**: among the findings is the prevalence of so-called “grey” work, as well the horizontal segregation, to which foreign women are more exposed. **Gilda Noviello** and **Maria Parente** focus on **care work**, and, through the analysis of the data emerging from a focus group “dedicated” to the Veneto region, examine the legislative and policy actions useful for tackling the problem of undeclared work. **Marta Capesciotti** and **Gilda Noviello** deal with the **exploitation of immigrants in the catering industry in Rome**, a phenomenon that features difficulties in terms of detection and measurement. The monographic section ends with an essay by **Alessandra Cornice** and **Maria Parente**, which provides an overview of the different **regional regulatory frameworks and projects to combat undeclared work**, highlighting the effort to systematise the interventions.

The contribution by **Lucia Coppola, Anna Giraldo, and Stefano Mazzuco** compares the **effects of using absolute versus relative poverty thresholds in estimating poverty incidence and in analysing poverty dynamics**, by resorting to both cross-sectional and longitudinal EU-SILC Italian data: the stratification of the two indices by family composition, geographical area, and other socio-economic characteristics allows the authors to show and discuss the differences between the two approaches to poverty measurement.

The issue ends with an essay by **Silvia Sacchetti**, who presents the main findings of a **study on the production of music culture and education in Trentino and its music schools**: based on data from interviews and from two original surveys conducted between 2021 and 2023, she illustrates, with descriptive statistics, the perceived outcomes and effectiveness of the system in achieving its educational objectives.

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