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The issue opens with a **monographic section**, introduced by **Paolo Borioni, Mattia Gambilonghi** and **Alessandro Tedde**, consisting of six papers on “**Economic Democracy and Self-Government at Company Level**”. The essay by **Mattia Gambilonghi** summarises the main steps of the **evolution of the socialist and communist theories within the workers’ movement**. Focusing on Nordic economic democracy, **Paolo Borioni** explores the concept of “**functionalist socialism**” and its historical meaning. Next is the contribution by **Monica Quirico**, who describes the origin and consolidation of the “**Meidner Plan**” in Sweden, analysing also the reactions it triggered within the business community and the middle-class segments of public opinion. Shifting to the ongoing economic policy debate, **Laura Pennacchi** argues that the structural changes of neoliberal capitalism of the digital era are behind the **need for a new economic democracy agenda**. Along the same lines, **Francesco Garibaldo** describes the analytical framework that is key to understanding this new phase of capitalism, pointing out the **urgency to reconsider trade unions and their practices thoroughly**. The monographic section ends with the essay by **Alessandro Tedde**, who argues that the obstacles to the implementation of industrial democracy and of economic democracy in Italy stem from the **social relations of production in their present form**.

Next is the contribution by **Giuseppe Croce**, focused on the **world of work in the time of Covid-19**: the author points out that, with the beginning of the economic recovery, it becomes extremely important to modify the policy mix by including **active policies**.

The essay by **Alessandra Righi** examines the provision of **occupational welfare measures within Italian manufacturing and services enterprises** through a descriptive analysis aimed at studying the statistical association between the introduction of occupational welfare measures and the enterprise’s employment trends.

**Antonio Russo** analyses the **relationship between State and market**, exploring the effects of neoliberalism on economic policy regulation, and the topicality of the Smithian perspective.

Forty years after his first (and pioneering) article on **teleworking**, published in the present journal, **Vittorio Di Martino** revisits this topic, exploring its multiple factors, as well as outlining which aspects are still hindering such practice, and which ones can instead relaunch and boost it.

Finally, **Mariella Eboli** and **Marina Schenkel** pay tribute to the memory of the labour economy scholar **Lucilla Castellucci**.

### **Book Reviews**

**R. Bellofiore, F. Garibaldo, M. Mortagua**, *Euro al capolinea? La vera natura della crisi europea* (by **Dario Guarascio**)

**L. Ricolfi**, *La società signorile di massa* (by **Enzo Russo**)