

Stories of Europe

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A discussion from different perspectives starting from the critical reading of the books "L'Europa che fu" by Pietro Rossi, "European Modernity" by Bo Stråth and Peter Wagner, and finally, "Projekt Europa" by Kiran Klaus Patel entrusted to Edward Tortarolo, Christoph Cornelißen and Gabriele D'Ottavio

On the occasion of the recent European elections, the “Annali.Recensioni.Online” ([A.R.O.](#)) of the [Italian-German Historical Institute](#) decided to open their Forum with a discussion from different perspectives dedicated to “**Stories of Europe**”, which will develop from the critical reading of the books above. Starting from the historical narrative of the main turns of the European events, we offer a reflection on its overall parable and its prospects for the near future. To the examination of the myths on modern Europe, these authors add a careful investigation of the recent history of the European integration that allows the reader to deepen the main points of the debate around the “Project Europe”.

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