



FONDAZIONE GIOVANNI GORIA

Biblioteca Fondazione Giovanni Goria

The Goria Foundation Library Project

Among the statutory objectives of the Giovanni Goria Foundation is the establishment of a multi-media library. This project was initiated using Giovanni Goria's personal funds, and aims to offer deeper insight into the areas of interest and study in which the Foundation intends to specialize.

The original library collection was created using Mr. Goria's personal library, characterized by numerous texts on **law**, **economics** and **history**. Among these are some precious volumes on agricultural economics and some significant texts on the history of the Catholic movement and that of the Christian Democrats. There are also valuable anastatic reprints of important eighteenth and nineteenth century volumes, most notably some texts by Quintino Sella.

During the first year of the Foundation's activity, around 1,000 books were added to this initial collection, donated by friends and associates of Goria and some local and national institutions.

The **Beppe Scialuga donation** enriched the library's collection greatly with books on the history of the Ancient, Medieval and Modern worlds and significant texts on social and political history of the twentieth century. **Renato Ferrari Tullio** has donated to the Foundation texts on economy published as part of the economy series by the 'Il Mulino' publishing house, and the **Ruffilli Foundation** has also contributed a number of biographical texts on Roberto Ruffilli and Aldo Moro.

The Cariplo of Milan Foundation donated a notable series of texts on banking economy, while the UDC section of Asti paid for several books on the history of Christian Democracy, on the Italian Catholic Movement and some essays on party politics.

Coldiretti Asti has contributed texts on the local history of the company, and the Chamber of Deputies donated the almost complete series of "Parliamentary Speeches" by Italian politicians, from the birth of the republic to the present day. Finally, the Luigi Sturzo Institute in Rome contributed with a number of texts on the history of Italian politics.

The Foundation recently acquired from Professor Vandone, an important series of volumes on political economy that are currently in the process of catalogization.

The Foundation's activities in raising awareness, amongst friends, co-workers, public and private institutions, and its careful purchasing policy are aimed at creating a library that expresses a thematic cohesion able to characterize it better and better as a library specialized in economics, social and political history, with a particular focus on the history of the Catholic Movement and the Christian Democrats.

The Foundation has joined the National Library Service (Servizio Bibliotecario Nazionale or SBN).

To this end it has been decided that the volumes currently in the Foundation's library will be catalogued, subject indexed and included in the SBN system. This allows scientists and researchers to search texts via the Internet at all public and private libraries, using this system.

The library is open to the public at the Polo University Asti UniAstiss in the Fabrizio De Andrè area, Corso Vittorio Alfieri

At the following times:

Tuesday 9:00-13:00

Wednesday 14:00-18:30

Thursday 9:00 – 13:00

For information and bookings: biblioteca@fondazionegoria.it