



**Attilio Danese, *Persona, comunità e istituzioni. Dialettica tra giustizia e amore*, ECP, Firenze 1994** (Antologia di testi di P. Ricoeur con interventi di: F. Bianco, A. Danese, A. Rigobello, J. Seifert, R. Simon)

In this book Attilio Danese has collected some of the writings of philosopher Paul Ricoeur, with particular attention to relationships between ethics, politics and justice. Many students know Ricoeur as philosopher of hermeneutics; yet only a few know Ricoeur as heir of “personalismo” the cultural stream that today plays an important role in the philosophical debate.

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Free conversations between the author and Ricoeur add to this book a spontaneous and friendly tone. Different essays of experts complete the text with deep reflections and critiques.

Ricoeur starts from the question of law and philosophy: who is the subject of rights? He wants to refer to an able man, who answers to the question Who? (“Who speaks”, “who acts”, and “who tells stories?”...). It is a subject whose ethos rests on a ternary simple structure: self-esteem, caring for others and justice in institutions. This structure emphasizes the root of anthropology by acting in ontology of being as power and action.

Ricoeur shows that the concept of imputation constitutes the passage from the anthropological concept of able man, to the moral, legal and political concept of responsibility. He re-puts in the contemporary discussions the

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|  | <p>ancient concept of imputation that is the attribution of an action to its true author.</p> <p>In this perspective Ricoeur answers to the issues raised by experts, critics of his philosophy, putting on the table his relationship of proximity and distinction with Apel, Habermas, Rawls, Ferry.</p> |
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