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## Abstracts

STEFANO ORAZI, Il movimento migratorio italiano negli Stati Uniti tra Otto e Novecento. Problemi e pregiudizi

*The path of integration of Italian emigration in the United States compared with other European realities has historically been considered a long and in some cases painful one. Thanks to mainly ignored documents which have come to light in the Archives of the Center for Migration Studies of New York and the Ministero degli Affari Esteri in Rome, this article delineates the perception of the early stereotyped and negative image in contemporary literature of southern Italians who came to work in the USA. At the turn of the twentieth century, the American federation was still divided between acceptance on grounds of economic necessity – which nonetheless left numerous Italians on the margins of society – and no little ethnic and social prejudice towards the new arrivals, particularly the poorest and illiterate component from the south, considered to be of an inferior race and agents of criminality.*

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