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## Abstracts

PAOLO L. BERNARDINI, *Spirito contadino. Tre letture di storia agraria italiana*

*This is a review article of three recent (2019) books that deal – each of them in a different way – with the Italian agrarian world. The first, by Adriano Prosperi, takes into account the dire life of Italian peasants in the long 19<sup>th</sup> century. The second is a collection of texts about economics, agriculture, landscape and territory by Luigi Einaudi, one of the most representative and regarded Italian intellectuals and politicians of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the first president of the Italian Republic constitutionally elected. The third, and last, is a book on agronomy and floriculture by Libereso Guglielmi, gardener, a native of Bordighera in the Western Ligurian Riviera, botanist of deep learning, who helped to introduce and cultivate a wide range of exotic plants in Italy. I argue that agriculture, albeit partially forgotten and economically marginal in post-industrial Italy, still has much to tell, teach, to the contemporary world.*

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