

La scienza economica e i beni comuni Storia, tragedie, e qualche sorpresa

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Abstract: The paper discusses the main features of the economic theory of commons, starting from its early days up to now, aiming at showing the issues behind the public goods theory and that of commons are different from one another, although in current economics and game theory the differences are not enough underlined. Finally, an Italian forgotten economist, Achille Loria, is presented because his economic theory shows that one of the reason of the missed encounter between mainstream economics and the commons lies in the eclipsys of the issue of the *land*, that was instead central in classical political economy.

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