

L'interesse personale e la fiducia reciproca nelle relazioni personali ed economiche, anche in un'economia globale: riflessioni a partire da un recente libro di M. Marzano

Self-interest and Mutual Trust in Economic and Personal Relationships, also in a Global Economy: Considerations Moving from a Recent Book by M. Marzano

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Abstract: Michela Marzano argues that the current financial and economic crisis and continuous need to have contractual relationships originates from fostering the idea that it is only through self-trust and the pursuit of self-interest that you can reach personal success and social development. According to Marzano, this theory stems particularly from Adam Smith reflections over the economic man. She suggests an alternative interpretation of trust based on logic of gift and gratuitousness ethics. This paper aims at highlighting the weakness of this perspective by upholding a more adequate notion of trust in terms of moral responsibility to account trust relationships in the field of economy and other human contexts generally. In support of this approach a different interpretation of Smith's analysis about the connection between ethics and economic behaviours will be proposed and the moral responsibility that is required to transnational or multinational corporations to deal with problems of global justice will be taken into account.

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