

# **Patriarcato, responsabilità e violenza: una lettura filosofica del caso Pelicot**

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*Abstract:* In *Living with Men. What the Pelicot Case Teaches Us*, Manon Garcia transforms her direct observation of the Mazan rape trial from a simple account of judicial proceedings into an analytical device capable of interrogating the female condition and the normalization of violence in contemporary society. Through the deliberate use of concepts such as “banality of evil” (Arendt, 1963) or “himpathy” (Manne, 2018) the author demonstrates that sexual violence is not the product of individual deviance, but rather of internalized cultural norms that shape masculinity and femininity, influence moral judgments and responsibility, and enable dehumanizing practices without their appearing exceptional. The review highlights the book’s strength in linking law, culture, and philosophy, offering interpretive tools for understanding systemic violence and the need for normative and cultural transformation.

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