

# **Contents**

Preface to the English Edition	vii
Introduction to the English Edition	ix
Introduction	1
Foreword: The “Original Sin”	13
<b>Part I: The Original Characteristics</b>	
1 How Premature Development Became a Factor of Backwardness	27
2 The Phantom Nation	35
3 The Northern Question	43
4 Inventing Ancestors	49
5 The Unhappy Consciousness of Italian Development	55
6 A Culture without a Nation	61
7 The Difficult Italianization of the Piedmont	69
8 The Difficult Piedmontization of Italy	75
9 The Moderate Social Bloc	81
<b>Part II: The Permanencies</b>	
10 Transformism	91
11 Internationalization Crises and Transformism	99
12 Emerging Sectors and Transformism	105
13 The Southern Question	111
<b>Part III: Identity and Sovereignty</b>	
14 A Counter-Reformist Identity	121
15 A Civil “Guelph” Religion	129
16 The Quest for a Civil Italian Religion	137
17 A Petit-Bourgeois Fatherland	145

18	A Country of Limited Sovereignty	153
19	Identity and Development	161
20	The Failure of “Democratic Nationalization”	167
21	Italian Metamorphoses	177
22	Between Europe and the Mediterranean	183
23	The Internationalization Crisis of the 1990s	191
	Conclusion	199
	Biographies	203
	Notes	217
	References	249
	Index	259