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Citizenship, Care and Choice:
The Micropolitics of Intimacy in Southern Europe

Polyamory in Italy: what's going on?

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TOPICS

- Objective: state of the art of polyamory
- Context: Italy
- Framework: Intimate project
- Discourses on polyamory:
 - ✓ Individual writers: articles and books
 - ✓ TV shows: interviews on polyamory
 - ✓ Associations' websites
 - ✓ Queer natio(a)nal network: Sottomovimento nazio(a)nale

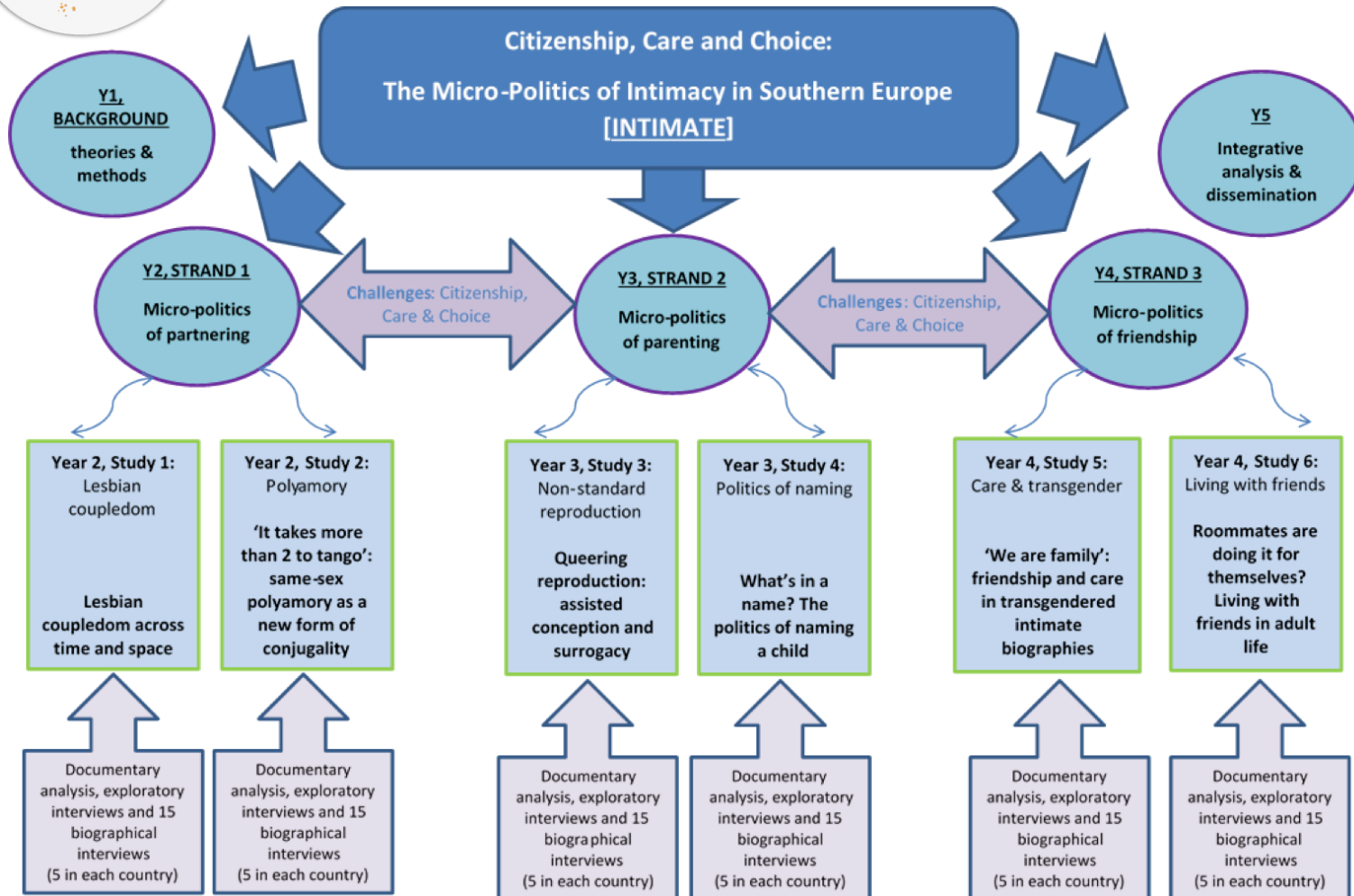


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Framework: INTIMATE project



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Articles: pros

I'm bisexual because I like women and men; I'm polyamorous because I like honesty. [Elena]

It would be wonderful if it were possible somehow to make official the entire poly family, so that all partners could assist each other in the hospital, fetch kids at school, be considered a kin in case of death, and have all the protection granted in traditional relationships. [Enrico]



Articles: cons

Fundamentalist catholic positioning

- Confusion between polyamory and polygamy
- Same-sex marriage as trailblazer to polyamory
- Absence of values and bonds
- Anti-homophobic law would limit the freedom of speech

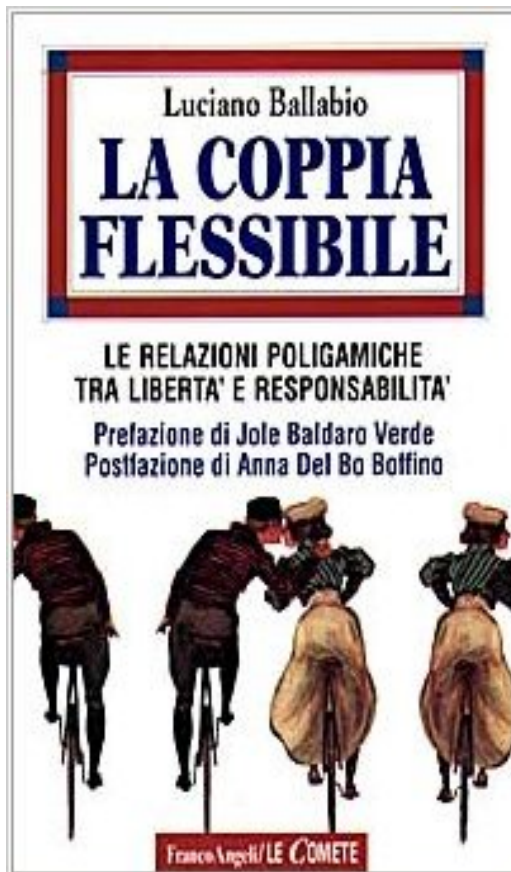
Newspapers' columnist

- Polyamory is the present form of relationship in precarious and instable times
- People don't want to commit to affective long-lasting relationships
- Polyamory = emotional disengagement associated with consumption culture



Books

The flexible couple (1997)



Love with more partners (2006)





Interviews on polyamory

- **LE IENE**, February 2013, “A polyamorous family”
<http://www.video.mediaset.it/video/iene/puntata/372591/nobile-una-famiglia-poliamorosa.html>
- **LUCIGNOLO 2.0**, November 2013, “Polyamory: transparency or convenient choice?”
<http://www.video.mediaset.it/video/lucignolo/clip/435096/il-poliamore-trasparenza-o-scelta-comoda-.html>
- **DOMENICA LIVE**, November 2013, “I love more people: I’m a poly-amorous”
http://www.video.mediaset.it/video/domenica_live/clip/433450/una-vita-poli-amorosa.html



UNA FAMIGLIA POLIAMOROSA



Federico



Elisa



Damiano



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Il poliamore: trasparenza o scelta comoda?

LA POLIAMOROSA (E I SUOI FIDANZATI)

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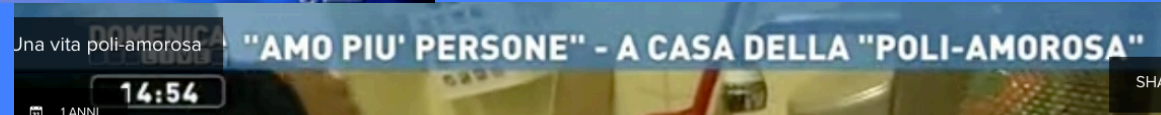
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"AMO PIU' PERSONE, SONO UNA POLI-AMOROSA"





Associations' Websites

- *Poliamore*, April, 2012: www.poliamore.org
- *Rifacciamo l'amore*, October 2013:
<http://www.rifacciamolamore.it/>
- *Poliamore in Italia*, November 2013:
<http://poliamore.net/>



Poliamore.org

Voluntary survey, December 2013:

- $n = 129$
- Gender = 75% gender bynarism, 25% genderqueer
- Sexual orientation = 57% hetero, 35% bi or pan, 8% homo, 1% asexual
- Romantic/affectional orientation = 43% hetero, 43% bi or pan, 8% homosexual



Categoria: Opinioni



Nasce Poliamore.org

Una comunità poliamorosa in Italia esiste. Lo abbiamo scoperto navigando in Rete, alla ricerca di persone con le quali condividere una visione e costruire una riflessione, a partire dall'interesse comune verso alcuni... [continua](#)





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Rifacciamo l'amore (Let's remake Love) is an e-zine that deals with forms of unconventional relationship and sexuality, gender roles and models, family and affection.

Promotes initiatives and thematic events (meetings, workshops, seminars, etc.) dedicated to the management of specific relational and emotional dynamics, the techniques of communication and negotiation, and to the acquisition of all those life skills that can help us improve our emotional and relational life.



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Poliamore in Italia

Una comunità poliamorosa in Italia esiste. Rintracciamola insieme.

Da anni

In Italia si parla di poliamore sul web almeno dal 2008. È poco rispetto agli americani, ma significa che c'è già un po' di esperienza con cui confrontarsi.

In più luoghi

La comunità poliamorosa è e ha cercato tanti posti sul web per riunirsi e farsi conoscere. Facebook, Twitter, Google+, siti web, blog, forum.

In crescita

Il gruppo più grande conta quasi 1000 iscritti. Un anno fa erano meno della metà. Ci sono incontri in decine di città. L'accoglienza è un valore.



Polyamory and LGBT: a debate

- Definition of polyamory
- Survey
- Difference between open couple, polygamy, free love of the '70s, polyamory;
- Nature or culture?
- Translation of *The ethical slut (La zoccola etica)*
- Common claims and gaps between LGBT and polyamorous communities

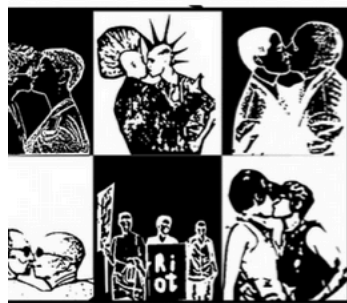


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Valentino 2015: la crisi del settimo anno

vicina San Valentino, una che invita le coppie a celebrare il primo amore e a rinfocolare la tua passione attraverso i mi; che fa sentire solitamente solo/a e sfigata/o chi sta in coppia e che spinge chi cerca forme di sessualità "rse", come i gay e le lesbiche o oliamoroze, a reclamare glianza esibendo la propria



Categories

- Altre Intimità
- General
- Materiali per lo sciopero sociale

Recent Posts

- San Valentino 2015: la crisi del settimo anno
- Dieci lavori per me (possono bastare). La corale atlantidea in piazza per lo sciopero sociale
- SCIOPERO SOCIALE: SCIOPERO DAI GENERI / DEI GENERI
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Recent Comments

- federico on San Valentino 2015: la crisi del settimo anno

Valentine's day 2015: The seven-year itch

- *We constantly hear that the couple is the carrier of future, stability, maturity, property and production, ie the magic ingredients of capitalism.*
- *To capitalism we respond by creating forms of neomutualism, care and support that unhinge individualism and the nuclear family's reproductive model, and that support our forms of sabotage to the work ethic, merit and productivity.*
- *We cease to reproduce a pattern of life that makes us vulnerable, blackmailed and isolated.*



Other intimacies

Definition

All the subjects that constitute the emotional landscape, the sexual possibilities and the material support of people characterized by precarious geographies in terms of work, recognition, income, housing, relationships, etc.

Topics

- Redistribution of goods within networks of other intimacies;
- Fight against the infantilization of non-normative relationships;
- Valorization of all forms of emotional bonds such as friendship, activism, cohabitation with friends, ...;
- Political value of sex as destabilizing normativity;
- Importance of the visibility of different forms of relationships in order to exit the public/private divide.



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Emanuele Camerini

The picture of living in an open relationship is often related only to a naughty sexual freedom, but there's more to it than that. There is honesty, communication, trust, consciousness, love.

To make it work, like every other kind of relationship, a non-monogamous one requires a deep work on self-analysis. It's a dirt path where you have to face your limits and your weaknesses. Only then, when you know exactly where you are, you're ready to open yourself to other partners.

Love is in every kind of its expressions synonymous of freedom. This doesn't mean that monogamy is either bad or useless, but simply that everyone has to have the right to develop a relationship structure that works for themselves.

Because everyone has his own place in the sun.

There is a place in the sun for everyone (2014)



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