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Summary

The theme of economic development in the Southern Italy, after years of silence, has recently returned to the centre of the cultural debate. This debate puts the so-called “Southern question”, today still unresolved, in the wider reflection on the model of economic and industrial development that Italy is called to urgently develop in order to take part at the European integration process. In this regard the experience of Pasquale Saraceno and the other civil servants involved in the construction of the Italian post-war model of development, is a very important lesson. As discussed in the paper, its analysis, as well as that of the cultural context in which it developed, is particularly important for understanding not only the choices that supported Italy in the first cycle of development, but also the new institutional and entrepreneurial policies to be defined. Saraceno and the other civil servants of the post-war period perceived in fact that in order to catch the process of industrialisation and ferry Italy within the process of European unification it was necessary to design a new economic order. Similarly, the challenge to be faced today is to recover the constitutional dimension of the industrial development, contributing to the establishment of an innovative institutional and entrepreneurial model focused on economic responsibility and decision-making autonomy of all actors, *in primis* the public actor, so as to restore conditions of development and prosperity for the Italian future generations.

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