An autobiography featuring the personal life of author Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries in conversation with Dr. Matteo Brera (CIS).

Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries was born in Ribera (Sicily) and emigrated with her family to Canada when she was 18 and later to the United States. She is a professor from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and holds a Master and Ph.D. in Italian Language and Literature from Rutgers University. She has authored books, book-chapters and numerous articles on contemporary Italian literature, culture and Italian women writing in a wide range of topics and authors.

Mondo nuovo is the culmination of the author’s experiment in self translating and re-writing in Italian her memoir, Bitter Trades (Legas 2018). In this autobiographical narrative, the author takes us into the ancestral, harsh and ageless culture of a Sicilian small town’s community struggling to gain a foothold from the economic aftermath of post-World War II. In the new world, she negotiates with longing and loss while carving her space and identity through work and study in a quest to pattern the American Dream into her own Italian Dream.

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