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Origini della Musica

Anati, E.

2011, *Origini della musica*, Capo di Ponte (Atelier)

Saggi I (in Italian)

72 pp. 31 figg. (Second Edition, October 2014) € 20

How and why did music originate?

What function did it hold for the individual and for society? The book presents the oldest documentation of prehistoric art and archeology on the presence of music, dance and musical instruments. The text is accompanied by figures of the oldest musical instruments known to date and images depicting music and dance.



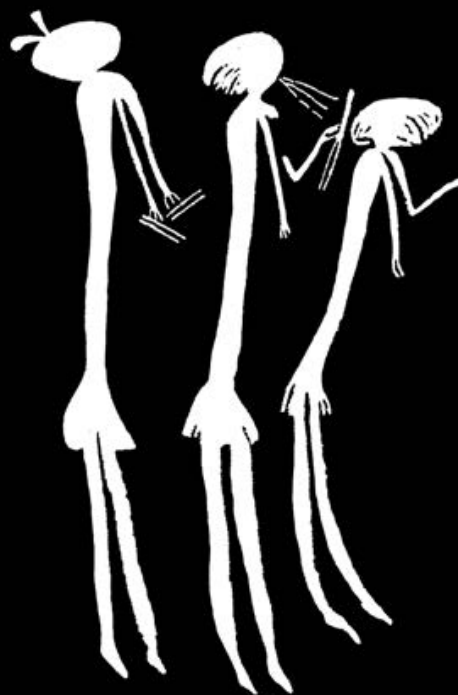
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Trio of anthropomorphic figures producing music. One of them, which has two antennae on the head, uses the music sticks. The central figure emanates sounds from the mouth while the person on the right is clapping. Art of evolved hunters. Kwa MTEA, Maasai Escarpment, Tanzania.

Iniziazione e riti di passaggio

Anati, E.

2011, *Iniziazione e riti di passaggio*

Saggi II (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 91 pp. 27 figg. € 20

What are the origins of baptism, circumcision, marriage and burial? The practices of initiation and rites of passage of certain Aboriginal clans of Arnhem Land, Australia, reveal the archetypes of accepted practices which are still common to many peoples of the world. The ritual has the dual role of educating and socializing. It has maintained stable the life of clans for millennia, serving as the glue between individual and group.



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Initiation process. The geoglyphs are drawn by hand on the ground and disappear after the conclusion of the ceremony. The initiate crosses the mythical figure driven by the instructor.

Chi sei? Chi sono?

Alla ricerca dell'identità

Anati E.

2012, *Chi sei? Chi sono? Alla ricerca dell'identità*

Saggi III (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 83 pp. 27 figg. € 20

The problems arising from the search for identity begin in the infant and accompany the human being to the last breath. Defining the identity of the person, of the nation or "race", concerns all people from the Early Hunters to the most advanced urban, literate cultures. The present study is proposing a historical dimension to an archetype of the cognitive system. When does the need to define the identity start, and why?



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Erotic dance of two young girls to discover their feminine identity. Solomon Islands, 1944. identità femminile. Isole Salomone, 1944.

Maschere

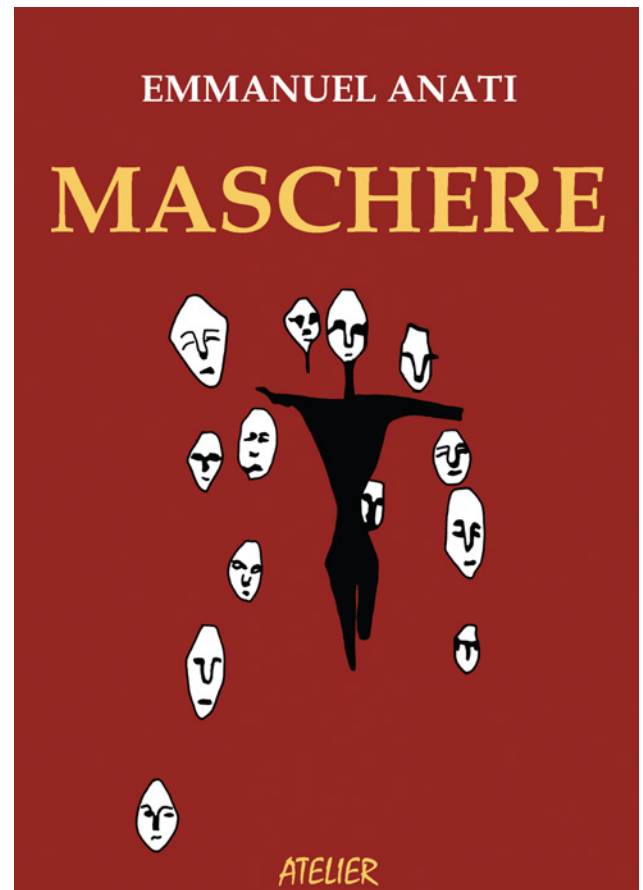
Anati, E.

2012, *Maschere*

Saggi IV (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 83 pp. 33 figg. € 20

What is behind the mask? The mask can hide the identity, but can also reveal an identity submerged, both as an object-mask or a conceptual-mask. Going back to the roots, an aspect of the cognitive process of the mask awakens questions on the comparison of human tendencies, between globalization and individualism. Tracing the history of the mask reveals recurring phenomena of man's relationship with his own identity.



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The mask indicates the role of the masked individual. Gulf of Papua, ca. 1930.

Mito tra utopia e verità

Anati, E.

2012, *Mito tra utopia e verità*

Saggi V (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier) 72 pp. 28 figg. € 20

How do myths originate? The production of myths proves to be a constant of the cognitive process of all human societies. Parameters of this process are examined: the roots of a distant memory, the itineraries of idealization, sublimation and structuring. Similar myths from different cultures reveal recurring conceptual criteria. From the beginning man feeds the myth and the myth feeds man. Myths feed myths.



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Cave painting of guardian spirit with wide circular eyes and geometric decorations from the area of El Paso, Texas.

The Origins of Religion

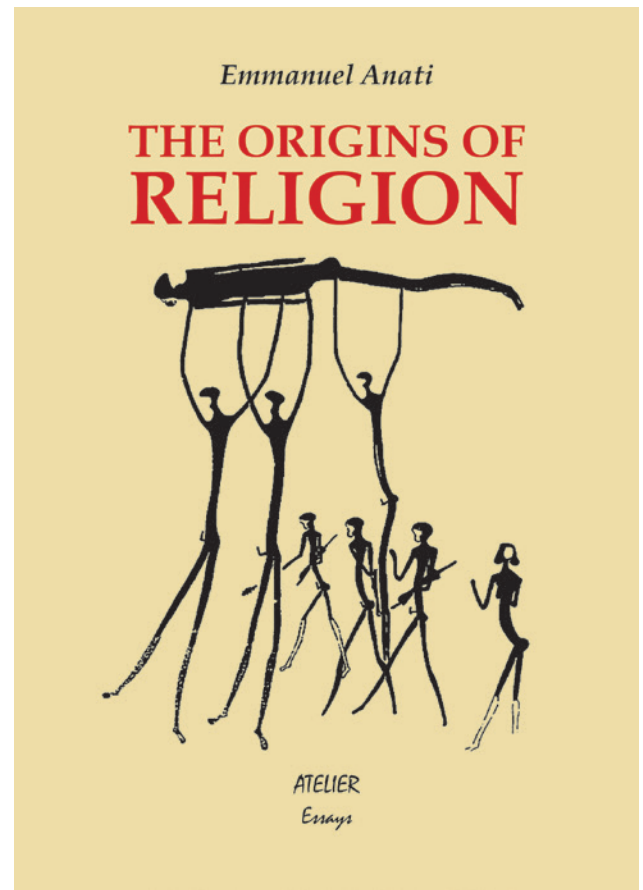
Anati, E.

2020, *The Origins of Religion*, English Edition

Essays VI

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 222 pp. 54 figg. € 20

How and when did religions originate? The study of prehistoric art is revolutionizing our knowledge of prehistoric religions. The rock art sites have been places of worship and tribal identity for millennia, serving as archives of myths, beliefs and rites, all of which evolved, diversified and acquired regional and ethnic features. Visual art, however, is not the earliest evidence of the presence of religion. Archeological discoveries of burial customs and burial goods accompanying the dead in their journey to the other world, and newly discovered prehistoric shrines, reveal concepts and beliefs going back even before the origins of art. When and how were the first religious concepts and rituals conceived? And how did religions acquire their present shape? As presented in this book, the evolution of archeological and anthropological evidence and analysis contribute a new look to the origins and history of religion.



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Altamira cave, Santander, Spain. Image of an anthropo-zoomorphic being in the world of the first hunters. This engraved figure has a human upright posture with human arms and sex, but the head is that of a bird and the feet are that of a bear.

Nascere e crescere da nomadi

La relazione madre-figli nelle società primarie

Anati, E.

2013, *Nascere e crescere da nomadi*.

La relazione madre-figli nelle società primarie

Saggi VII (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 84 pp. 28 figg. € 20

Constants and variables between human primary societies and urban societies in the mother-child relationship. The mother-child relationship is the backbone of all species of mammals and acquires special rules in primates. Humans developed peculiar trends.



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Woman with child of the Aranta tribe near Alice Springs, Australia. (Photo W.B. Spencer, 1896).

Ordine e Caos nelle società primarie

Uno studio sugli aborigeni australiani

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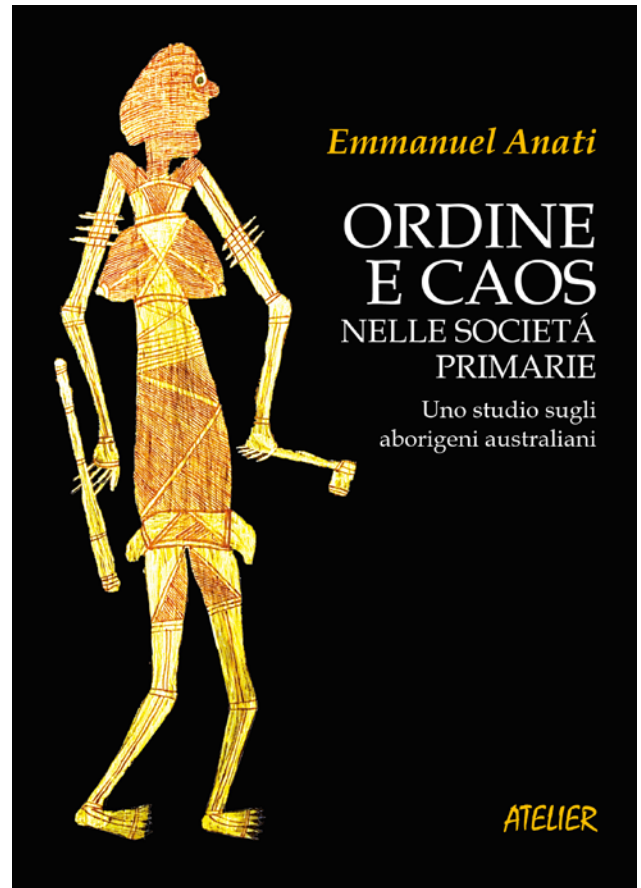
2014, *Ordine e caos nelle società primarie*

Uno studio sugli aborigeni australiani

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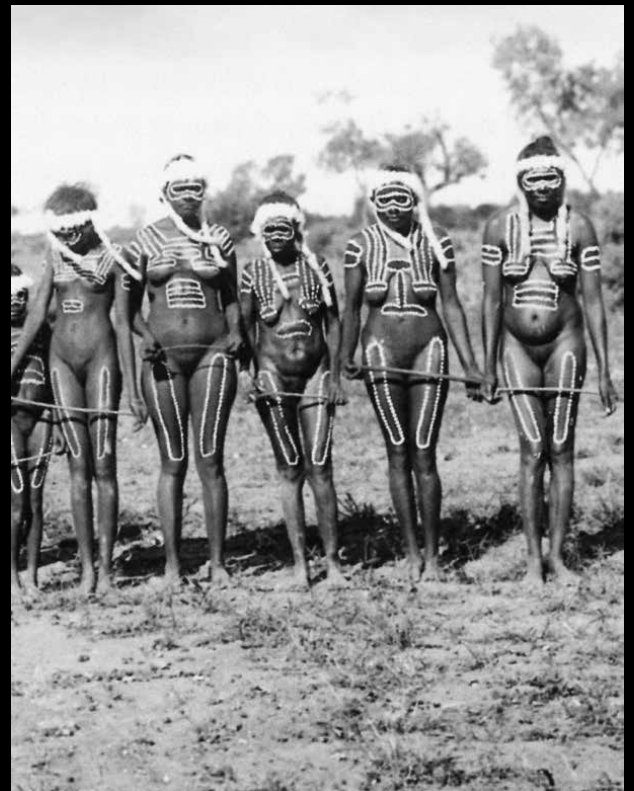
Capo di Ponte (Atelier) 84 pp. 28 figg. € 20

Order and chaos are compared as a principle of the binary concept that characterizes the search for an elementary logic of what man is able to hypothesize about the behavior of the world around him. To what extent does the order of nature determine social order in primary societies?



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Women of the tribe Aranta dance to the rhythm of the music produced by men. Gillen noted that this dance was called "Unintha corroborees" (social event). Charlotte Waters, Northern Territory. Photo W.B. Spencer, 1901.

Comunicare per esistere

Uno studio di antropologia concettuale sugli aborigeni australiani

Anati, E.

2016, *Comunicare per esistere. Uno studio di antropologia concettuale sugli aborigeni australiani*

Saggi X (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 106 pp. € 20

This text, inspired by travel notes of about 40 years ago, seems now to refer to prehistory. Aboriginal people have made a jump of millennia in two generations. Today they speak English, live in houses, drive cars and use the shotgun. Their lives changed since the 70s of the last century. Then we could still meet small clans moving from a bivouac to a bush camp, naked, holding their spears and their boomerangs, hunting and gathering day to day what nature offered. They lived in a boundless Garden of Eden that is no longer the same. Communication was as essential to survival yesterday as it is today.



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Azores: a visit to the Island of Terceira

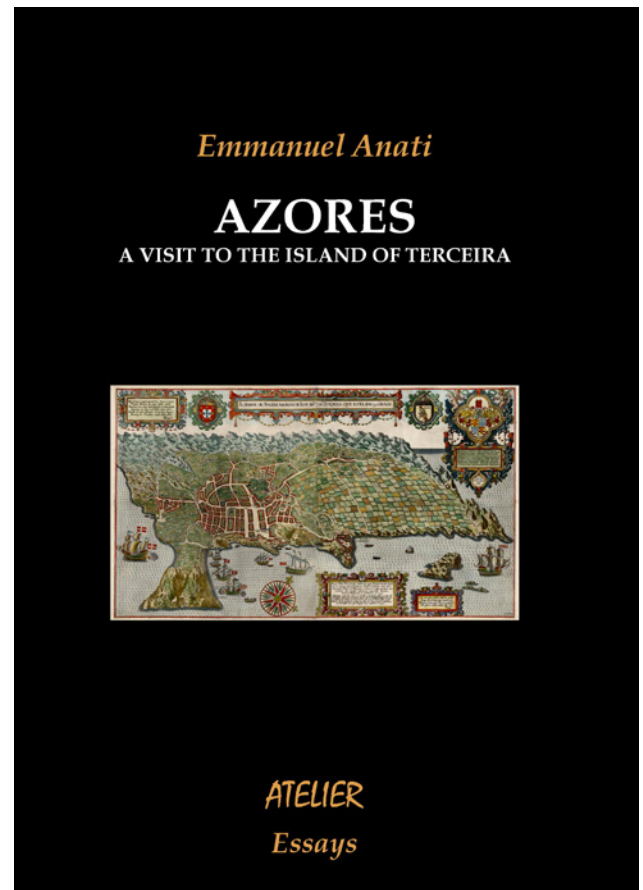
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2017, *Azores: a visit to the Island of Terceira*

Essays XI

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 132 pp. € 20

When did man first arrive to the Azores islands? The Portuguese colonization in the 15th century marked the beginning of the official history. Is there a history before this history? The controversy, between the traditional history and the advocates of a previous human presence, finds partial solutions in the dating and decoding of traces indicating an ancient human presence.



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Guardare l'invisibile

Religione, miti e spiriti
degli aborigeni australiani.

Un'analisi di antropologia concettuale

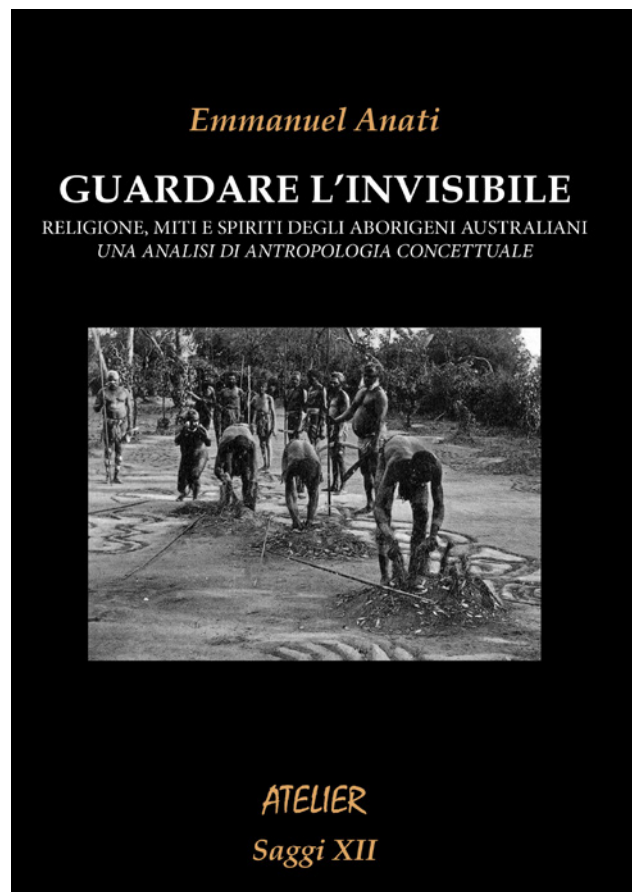
Anati, E.

2018, *Guardare l'invisibile. Religione, miti e spiriti degli aborigeni australiani. Un'analisi di antropologia concettuale*

Saggi XII (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 140 pp. 29 figg. € 20

Some scholars in the history of religions affirm that religion was born in the Neolithic age. People coming directly from the Paleolithic bluntly contradicts this pre-conception. Religion is as old as *Homo sapiens*, if not earlier, but how was their religion? This book tells us even more: not only on the origins of religion, also on the origins of philosophy. The immense wealth of myths, the vision of genesis, the search of reasons, of cause and effect in life and nature, bring us back to the oldest roots of beliefs and way of thinking. It is surprising how primal beliefs resemble those of some modern religions.



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A moment of the Bora ritual. Mythical evocation, propitiatory for hunting. The geoglyphs represent the soul of the animal with whom the dialogue is sought. (Photo about 1897).

Amore e sessualità

Tra liberazione e repressione

Anati, E.

2018, *Amore e sessualità. Tra liberazione e repressione*

Saggi XIII (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 140 pp. € 20

Love and sexuality, a theme of all lives and many books, is considered under the aspect of conceptual anthropology. Biological impulses, cultural rules and individual feelings meet in different cultures, in different formulas and lead to a vision of how they work and interact socially, psychologically and emotionally on the human being and on the social context.



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La typologie de l'art rupestre

Anati, E.

2020, *La typologie de l'art rupestre*

Essai XIV (in French)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 98 pp. 34 figg. € 20

Rock art is a human expression, produced over the millennia, on five continents. In the frame of the UNESCO "World Report on Rock Art: the state of the art" (2008), the author presented a typological structure of rock art, which has since been updated and revised. This text presents an updated version considering the following problems: elementary concepts of typology; definition of rock art site; the grammar of rock art: typology of signs and figures; categories of rock art according to the way of life of their creators: archaic hunter-gatherers, hunters who use bow and arrows, shepherds and animal breeders, complex economy including agriculture, others; syntax: the systems of associations of graphemes, associations, compositions, sequences, scenes, etc. ; archetypes and variants; purpose, results and purpose of the typology; conclusions.

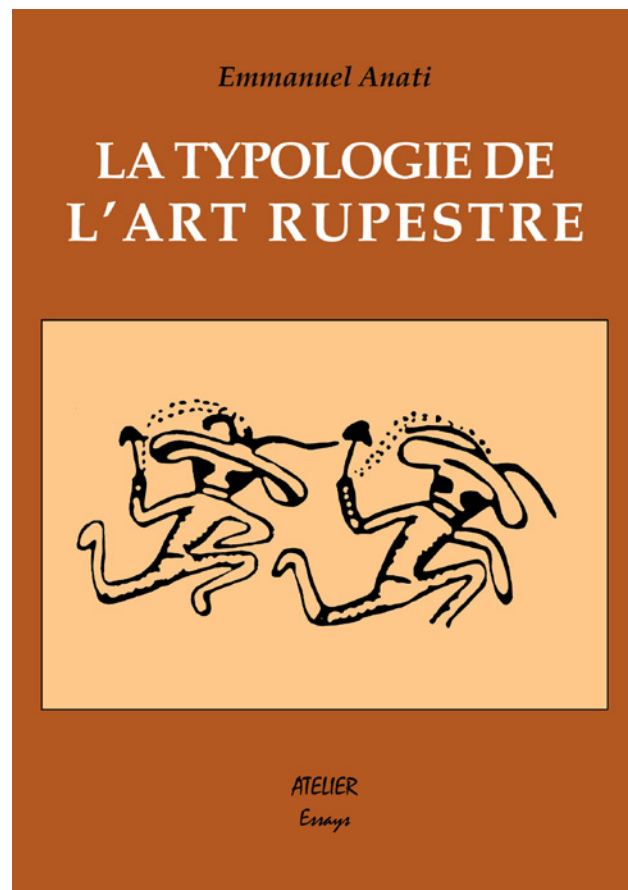


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Plá de Petracos, Castell de Castells, Alicante, Spain. Macro-schematic style. The paintings were reportedly made under the influence of hallucinogenic substances. (From Hernández Pérez *et al.*, 1994).

Décoder l'art préhistorique et l'origine de l'écriture

Anati, E.

2020, *Décoder l'art préhistorique et l'origine de l'écriture*

Essai VIII (in French)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 196 pp. 76 figg. € 20

This text examines the cognitive process that led to the invention of writing and highlights constants of memorization and associative synthesis held in the mind of *Homo sapiens* for thousands of years. Some examples of decoding prehistoric art give a new vision for the beginning of writing.

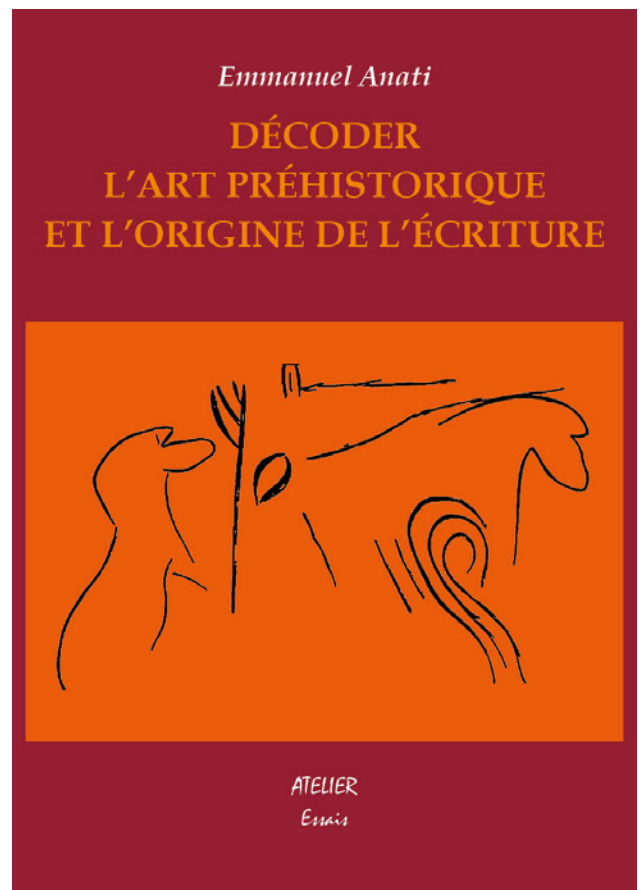


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Tamgali, Kazakhstan. Neolithic rock carving which represents an anthropomorph with a tail and near him an animal without a tail. The figure has acquired the identity of the animal, according to a totemic concept of transfer between man and his totemic animal (de Anati, 1989).

La morte

Eterno confronto tra psiche e natura

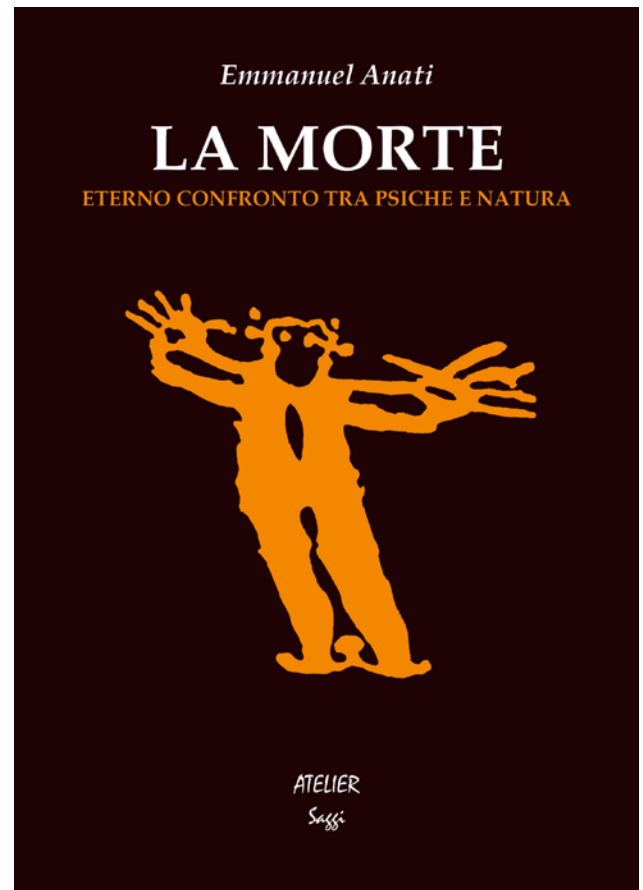
Anati, E.

2020, *La morte, eterno confronto tra psiche e natura*

Saggio XV (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 94 pp. 28 figg. € 20

Knowledge and beliefs about death and the afterlife generate the formation of similar conceptions in different cultures and populations. Similar anxieties and fears cause similar speculative effects in combining the real with the imaginary. The idea of the soul's survival after the death of the body turns out to be at the origins of both religions and philosophy. Conceptual analysis defines elementary processes of cognitive logic, in the constant confrontation between knowing and believing. Analogies and varieties of concepts about the afterlife highlight intuitive and speculative tendencies of the human mind, right from the earliest records dating back to prehistoric times. The reconstruction of their genesis and their evolution reveals the formative process of ideological and conceptual orientations, of both individuals and entire populations.



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Arene Candide cave, Liguria, Italy. Upper Paleolithic Tomb. The deceased has several ornaments, most notably a bonnet of small shells. The hand holds a flint blade and at the side there are two "bâtons-perforés", finely decorated objects. The body of the deceased was buried with decorative clothing and everyday objects. (Photo Pegli Museum).



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I segni originari dell'arte

Riflessioni semiotiche a partire dall'opera di Anati

Anati, E. (ed.)

2012, *I segni originari dell'arte, riflessioni semiotiche a partire dall'opera di Anati, Seminari di semiotica e morfologia, Urbino 5-6 settembre 2010*

Colloqui I (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 160 pp. 58 figg. € 40

Proceedings of the Colloquium held at the University of Urbino in 2010. Essays by nine authors who deal with the theme seen from various disciplines: Anthropology, Archaeology, Art History, Semiotics, Psychology, Psychoanalysis and Sociology.

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Two anthropomorphic beings have ideograms as heads that define their identity. One of the heads is a combination of fleeting lines with an emanation that goes upwards. The other is a set of points. Kundusi, near Kondoa, Tanzania. Rock paintings of the incipient gatherers.

Espressioni intellettuali e spirituali dei popoli senza scrittura

Anati, E. (ed.)

2012, *Espressioni intellettuali e spirituali
dei popoli senza scrittura*

Colloqui II (in Italian, English, French)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 260 pp. 96 figg. € 40

Proceedings of the Colloquium organized in Valcamonica
by the International Union of Prehistoric Sciences in 2012.
Essays by 30 authors from 11 countries on the intellectual
expressions of the primary societies.

ESPRESIONI INTELLETTUALI
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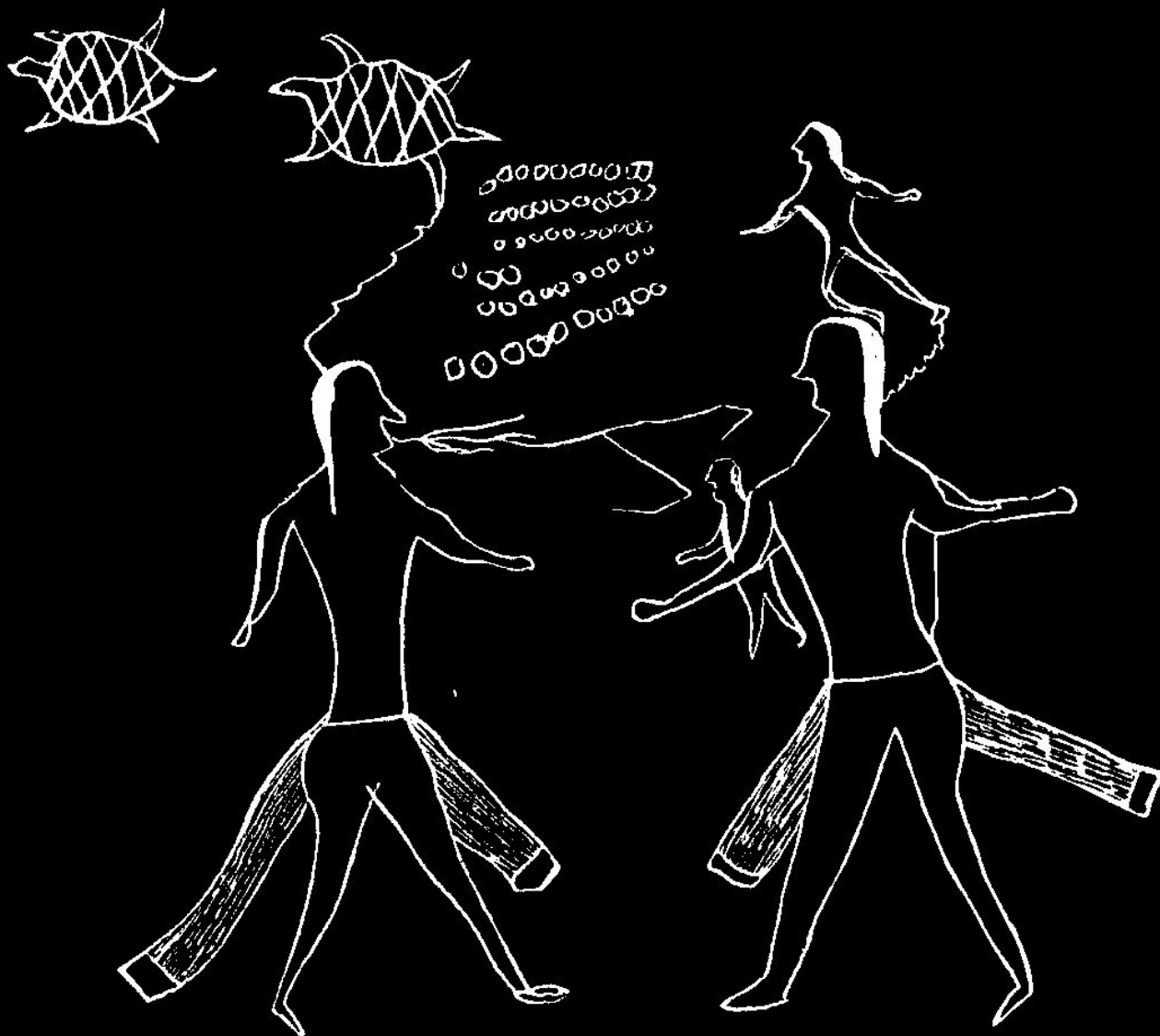


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Letter on paper, written in ink, sent by an Amerindian father to his child in the state of Dakota, USA, around 1872. The picture on the right is that of the father, who is called "Turtle following his wife" indicated by the ideograms connected with a line on the head. He turns to his son, to the right, as shown in the line from the mouth directed toward him. The son is called "Little Man", shown from the ideogram attached to the head. The purpose of the letter is to announce to the son that he's giving him \$ 53, shown from the numeric ideogram, to allow him to come and see him. Under the arm of "Little Man" is a figure which goes toward the father. In short: "Come to see me, I pay for your travel cost".

What caused the creation of art? A round table at the 25th Valcamonica Symposium

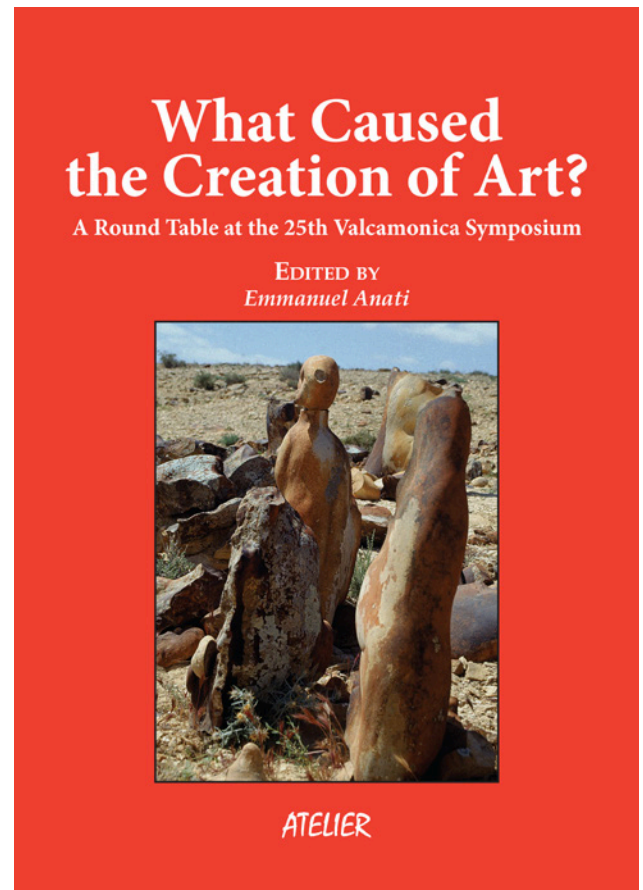
Anati, E. (ed.)

2012, *What caused the creation of art? A round table
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Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 44 pp. € 10

What gave rise to art? Scholars of different disciplines and cultural backgrounds present contrasting perspectives on the same question that has involved generations of thinkers.



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Sogno e memoria

Per una psicoanalisi della preistoria

Anati, E. (ed.)

2014, *Sogno e memoria. Per una psicoanalisi della preistoria*

Colloqui IV (in Italian, French)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 180 pp. € 20

The analysis of human behavior and its graphic externalizations in art bring new perspectives to the sociological sciences. The multidisciplinary meetings have promoted exceptional cooperation, giving rise to new perspectives for the various disciplines, inviting employees not to be afraid to explore off-the-beaten path paths in the forest of human sciences. The texts collected here are an introductory selection of these guidelines to encourage developments in this new “multidisciplinary” discipline: conceptual anthropology.



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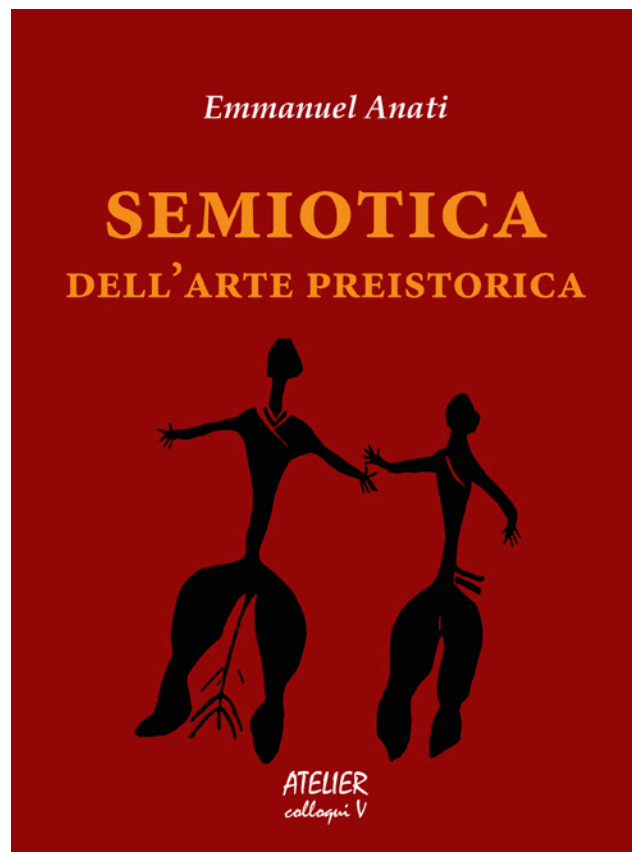
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Colloqui V (in Italian, French)

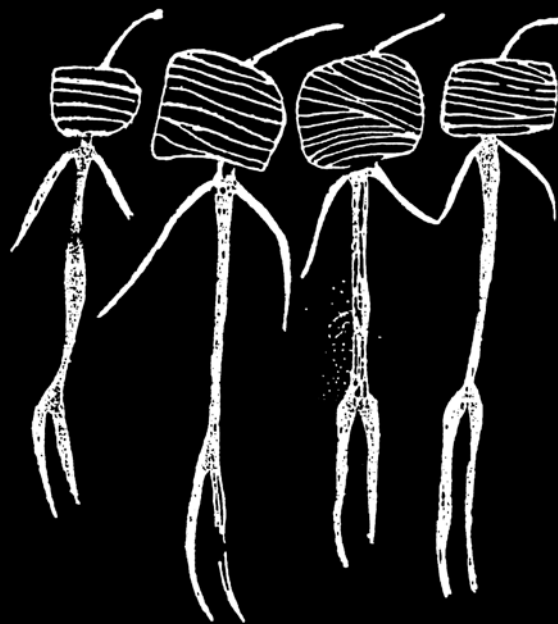
Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 226 pp. 127 figg. € 40

The conceptual definition of forms, the metamorphosis of shapes into sounds, and of sounds into forms, of ideas into images, of thoughts into words, and other intellectual processes, are present from the early times of human evolution. These recurring patterns stimulated, over the years, some of the author's papers and lectures in conventions and conferences of semiotics, sociology and psychology.



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Kundusi, Kondo. Rock painting of Gatherers. Four beings, with their faces covered, have a distinctive line on their heads, probable symbols of their status. They seem to be participating in a dance or other type of show. (Redrawn from M. Leakey, 1983)

One Life in One Day

An interview to prof. Emmanuel Anati

Díaz-Andreu, M. (ed.)

2018, *Una vita in un giorno. Intervista al prof. Emmanuel Anati*

Colloqui VI

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 128 pp. 51 figg. € 20

In the gardens of the campus of Burgos University, while delegates were moving from sessions and lectures to coffee breaks and back, Margarita Díaz-Andreu recorded, for hours, the words of Professor Emmanuel Anati. It was the 5th of September 2014 and when the electric lights of the evening replaced the sunlight, a life-long story was drafted. It concerned just one aspect of Anati's life, that of his experiences as a scholar in the human sciences. It is a story full of messages that should interest every young scholar intending to devote his/her life to the humanistic sciences.

ONE LIFE IN ONE DAY

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Ponte di Legno, 1979. Valcamonica Symposium III. Da sinistra a destra: Cardinale Julien Riess; Prof. Antonio Beltrán, Università di Zaragoza; Dr. Raj Issar, UNESCO; Dott. Antonio Sisinni, Direttore generale dei Beni Culturali; On. Mario Pedini, Ministro dei Beni Culturali; Prof. Emmanuel Anati, Direttore del CCSP; Senatore Giacomo Mazzoli; On. Sandro Fontana, Ministro della Pubblica Istruzione.

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Rock Art: When, Why, to Whom?

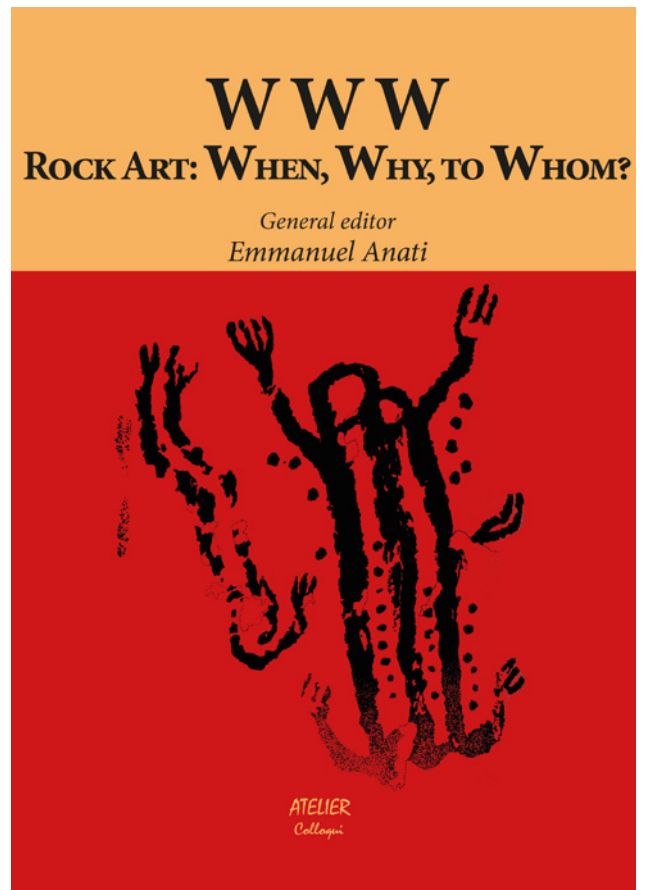
Anati, E. (ed.)

2015, WWW. *Rock Art: When, Why, to Whom?*

Colloqui VII

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 218 pp. 184 figg. € 40

Why is Rock art widespread on five continents? Some sites, in South Africa, Australia or Brazil, count well over one million figures. They were produced over centuries and millennia. What made generations persist in this tradition of marking the stone surfaces with the records of their minds? Why did they invest on it such immense time and energy? Fifty authors from five continents face the query: when, why and to whom?



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La cucina dei popoli

Anati, E. (ed.)

2016, *Etnogastronomia. La cucina dei popoli*

Colloqui VIII (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 244 pp. € 25

Among the 10,000 people who live in more than 200 countries around the planet, the cuisines of eleven points of the globe were selected, describing them in their essential habits and characters, providing acceptable recipes from western taste, and achievable with readily available products. This book has a dual purpose: 1) to introduce the ethnogastronomy as a research topic that arouses the interest and sympathy of many peoples, to allow the reader to gain an overview of the similarities and differences, and 2) to experience cuisines and different tastes, for an expansion not only of their own taste, but also the knowledge and appreciation of others. By understanding the different taste, you discover how to appreciate not only the food, but also the smiles of the people.



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Art and Religion

Anati, E. (ed.)

2016, *Art and religion*

Colloqui IX

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 114 pp. 73 figg. € 40

What is the role of religion, magic and witchcraft in prehistoric and tribal art? The intellectual and spiritual motivations of art produced various theories since the first attempts to explain prehistoric art over a century ago. Recent research is revealing more complex conceptual connections. In this book, authors of different backgrounds and countries, from four continents, present examples of specific aspects, providing first-hand data. The confrontation of different ideas and methods is contributing to a reconsideration of some past simplifications and generalizations.

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Male and Female

Anati, E. (ed.)

2017, Male and Female

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Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 119 pp. 60 figg. € 40

The book includes papers by 20 authors from five continents. It considers human representation in prehistoric and tribal art reflecting a broad landscape of different views and cases.

In each age and culture a specific choice emerges in the visual arts, between preferring male or female images, and between having the human figure or not as the main concern. The book presents different cases and views of experts from five continents.

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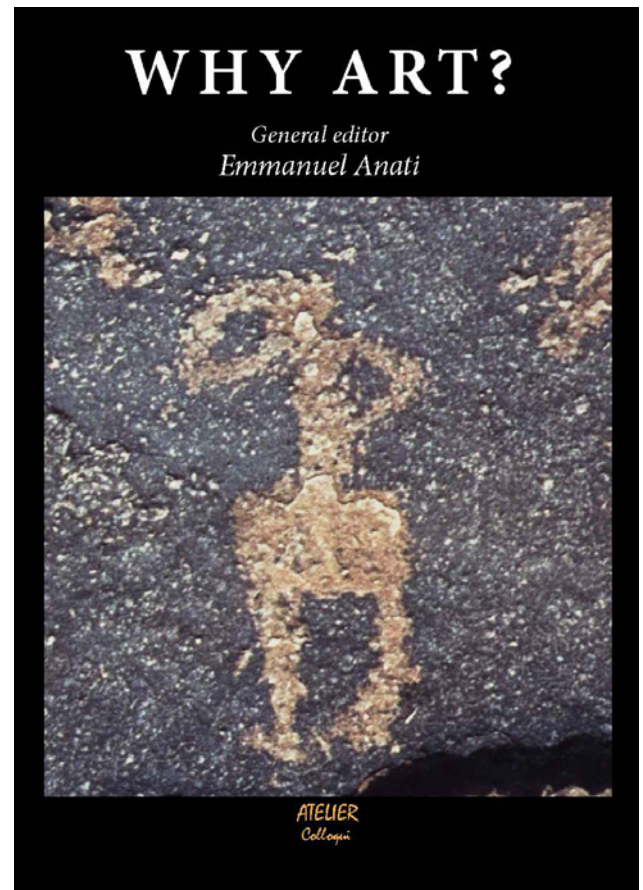
Anati, E. (ed.)

2017, *Why Art?*

Colloqui XI

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 125 pp. 47 figg. € 40

The volume presents a search of contents by scholars from different continents with different experiences. Prehistoric art is like the literature of more recent times, some depictions may concern science, others religion. Some may be school textbooks and others fiction. The decoding of prehistoric art helps us approach the understanding of contents and motivations.



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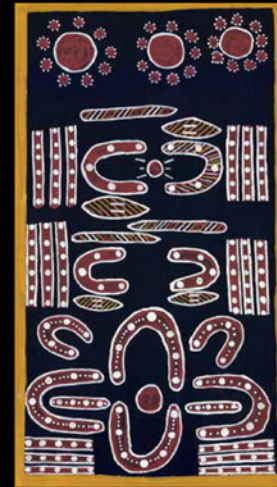
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The clan was planning a fight against another clan that had abused hospitality hunting kangaroos in a reserved ground. The painter recorded the gathering of the elders to decide the expelling of the guest clan. He represented the elders and the warriors by standard signs. The art-dealer sold the painting as an “Aboriginal abstract composition”. The meaning came from the people of the clan who saw the painting explaining the recorded event. Other examples and studies attempt at defining the meaning of abstract signs.

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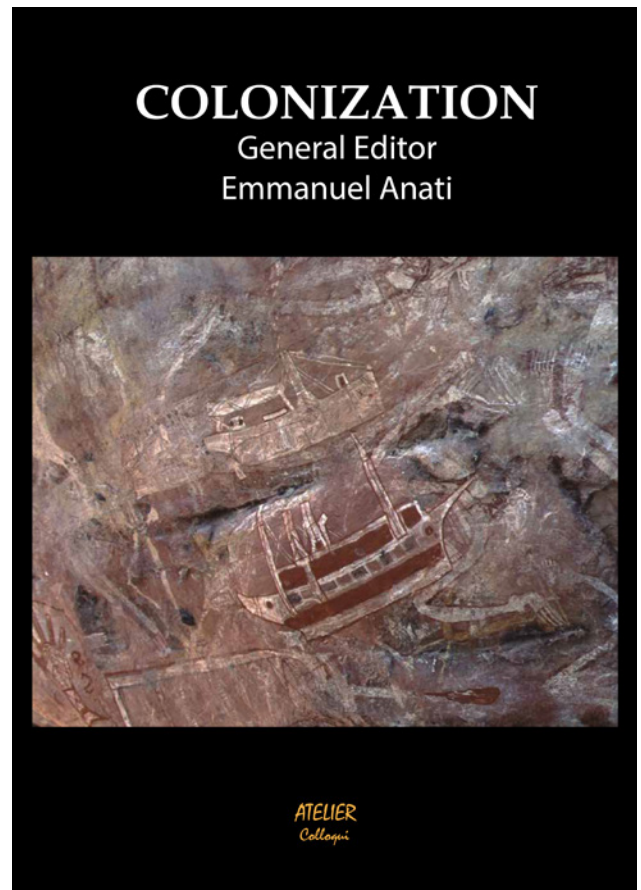
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From an original land of origins, likely to have been in Africa, the ancestors of humankind colonized all corners of the globe. Other primates still survive in their limited habitat; humans live in the equatorial regions as well as near the Arctic pole. How did such colonization take place? Authors from five continents replied to this question: a selection of their papers appears in this volume.



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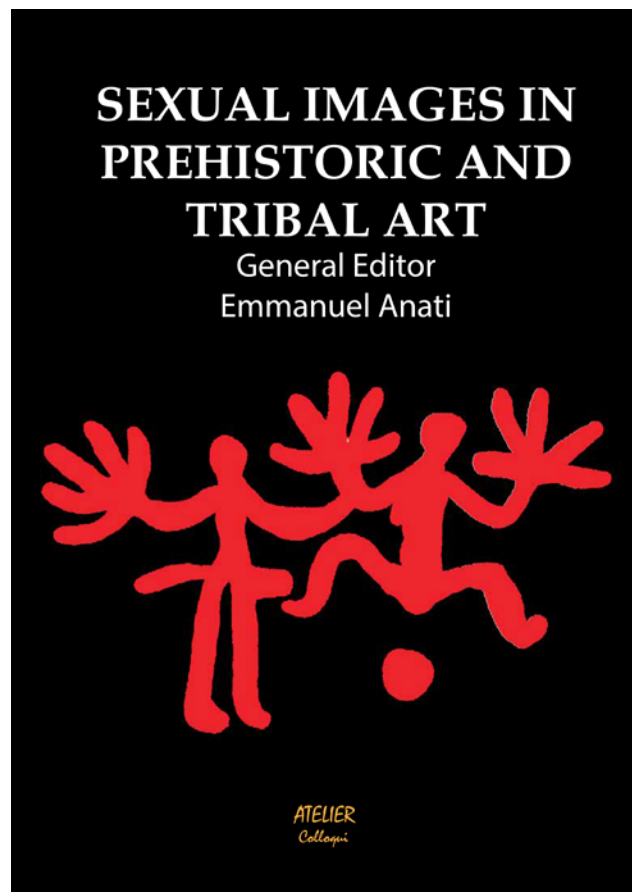
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Since the earliest figurative art, sex appears to be a theme of primary concern in every corner of the world. Why were such depictions made? In some cases oral traditions allow us to identify the cause or the inspiration. Can we trace back the stories behind the images? Sharing knowledge is favoring an overview on images, myths, rituals and customs related to sex, in prehistoric and tribal art.



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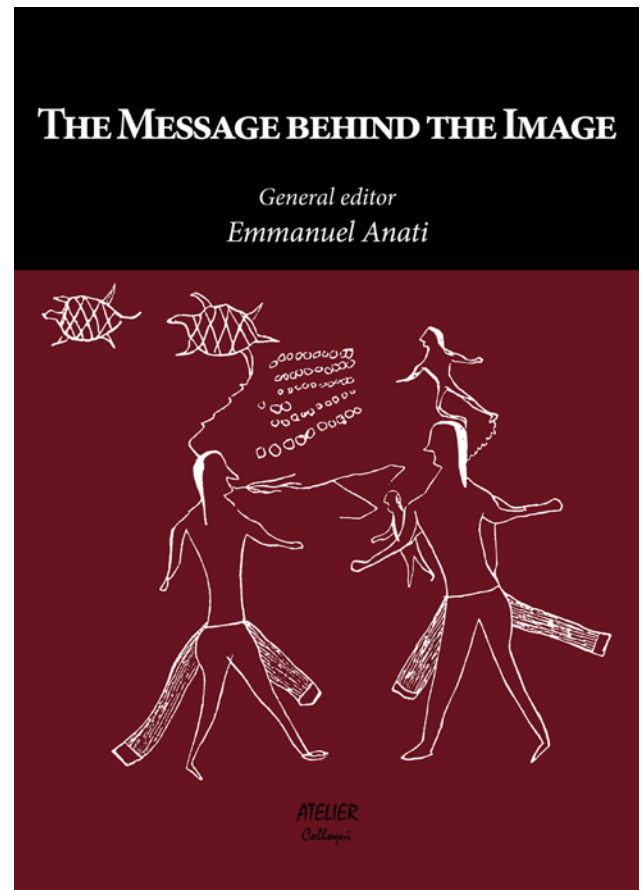
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Prehistoric and tribal people have left behind millions of images, in Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania. Was their purpose just that of embellishing rock surfaces? What pushed people from all over the world to record their memories throughout the ages? This immense heritage, whether intentional or not, is full of messages to be read and understood. What are the images telling us? What are the stories that the makers intended to memorize or communicate? Many events, many expressions of human thoughts and beliefs, many different aspects of life and culture, can add millennia to the history of mankind.



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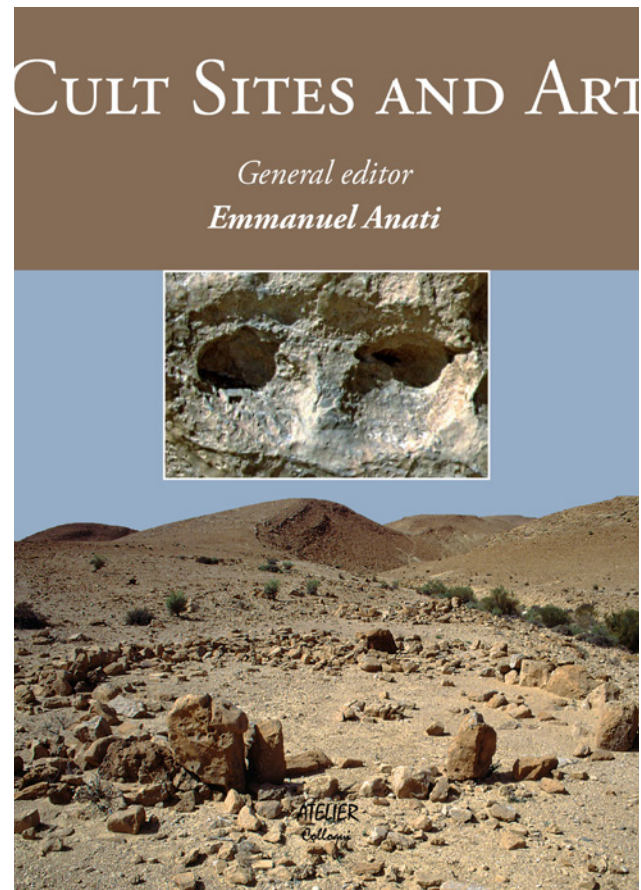
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The volume is the printed version of number 17 (2017) of *EXPRESSION*, the quarterly online journal on conceptual anthropology. Sites of worship have had religious images and symbols since prehistoric times.

The relationship between religion and art emerges in its variants and in its purposes. Significant examples are presented by the authors, in Israel and the Middle East, in Armenia, Tunisia, Europe, Central Asia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, showing a conceptual archetype that has persisted since distant prehistoric times. To what extent is religion inspiring art, and to what extent is art inspiring religion?



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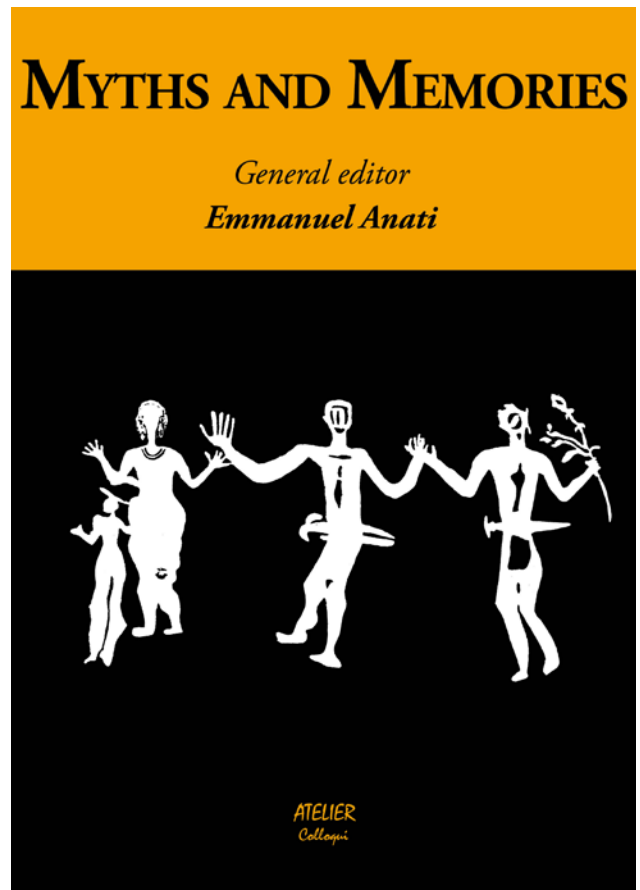
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Was the mind of early man much different from ours? Decorated caves, megalithic monuments, early shrines, sites of rock art, are the containers of myths and memories, the testimony of the immense variety of beliefs and habits, the source for an as yet unwritten history of mankind: the existential expressions of people's real and imaginary, myths and memories. Different facets of the theme are considered by nine authors of nine different countries of three continents.



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Recent studies are stressing that prehistoric art had as many different purposes as those of more recent written literature, religious and not, historical or imaginary, aimed at memorization, communication, magic, commemoration, recording, affirmation of cultural or ethnic identity and much else. Such functions may vary from site to site and from one culture to another. The collection of articles in this volume presents a variety of types of prehistoric art from various periods and corners of the world, reflecting a gamut of aims and roles played by art.

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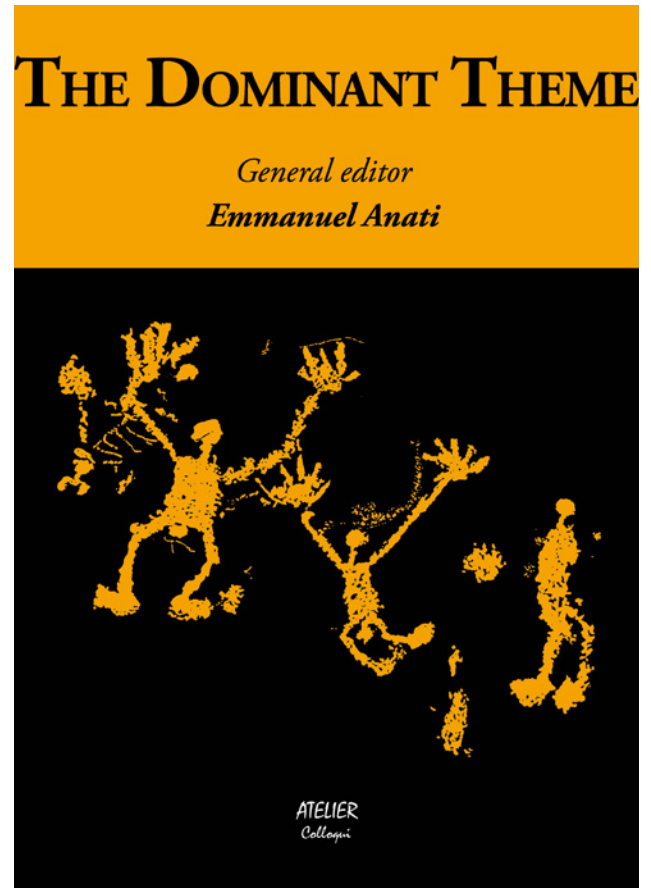
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Like any other style or period of visual art, each assemblage of prehistoric and tribal art has a dominant theme. Some focus on anthropomorphic figures, others on animals, others on signs, symbols or ideograms. Well-known sites of prehistoric art display millenary sequences of different phases showing changes in the dominant theme from one period to another. What is the meaning and function of the dominant theme? Visual expressions are a mirror of the mind and soul of their makers. The dominant theme is one of the factors defining the identity of patterns of visual art. It turns up to be a diagnostic element to define the conceptual, economic and social structure of the artist's society.



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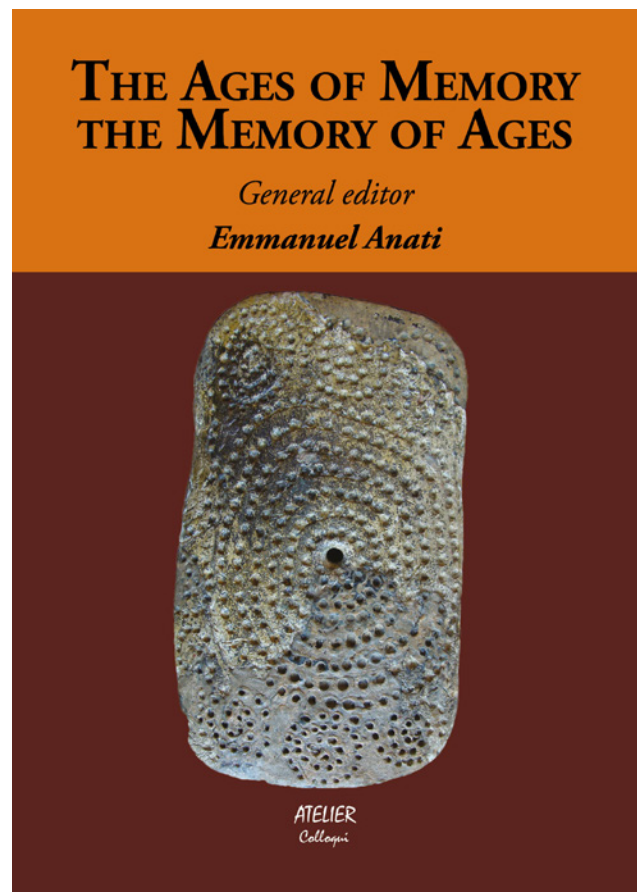
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When prehistoric art is decoded it becomes an invaluable cultural source in itself. An additional step is attempting to use it as a document to reconstruct the cause of its creation. What did actually happen, what were the reasons that brought about the graphic production that has reached us, and what story does it tell? “This is not the task of archeology!” Right! It is the task of conceptual anthropology. Archeology has the important role of providing the raw material for conceptual anthropology.



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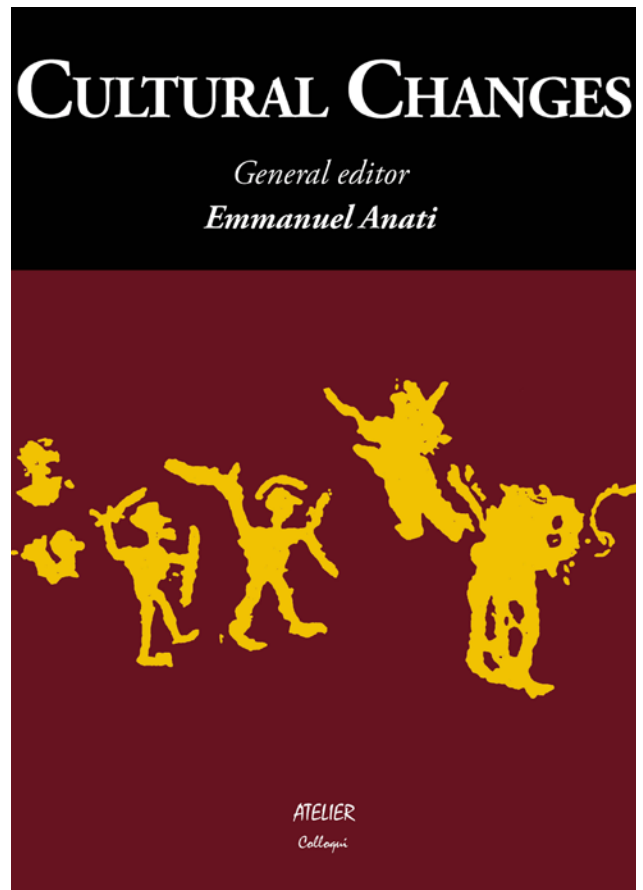
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By its own nature culture moves and changes. The reasons that led to these changes are not always evident. When available, the causes help us to conceive what the past can teach us about understanding the present and attempting figuring out the future. Eighteen authors from ten countries in five continents present different aspects of cultural changes. Each article contributes a small but meaningful tessera of the fascinating mosaic of cultural changes in a world perspective.



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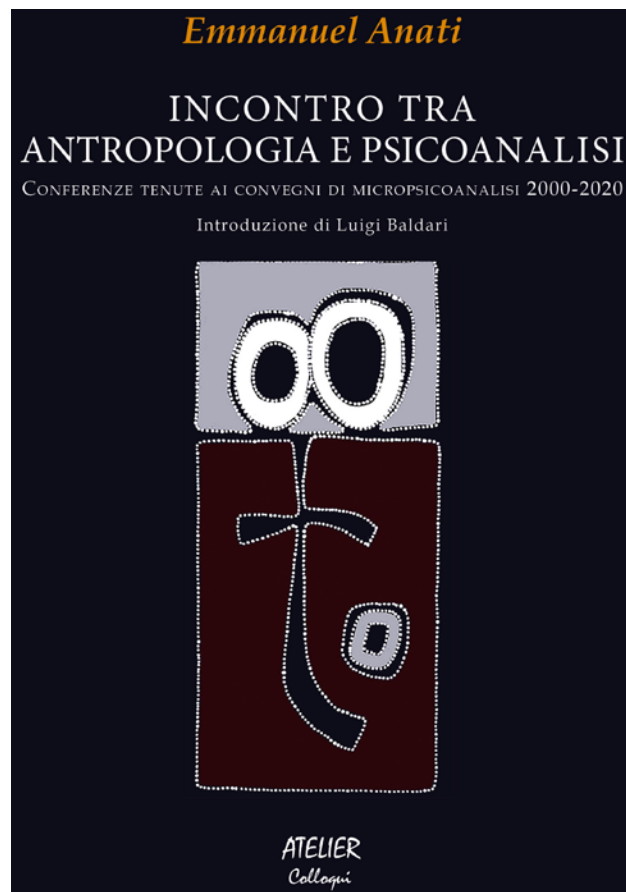
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In the introduction to this book, Prof. Baldari writes: «Anati talks about the interaction between anthropology and psychoanalysis. For him, the synergy of the various disciplines related to the human and social sciences opens up new horizons to humanistic research. “Each discipline - he writes - has its own memory which is the basis of research and progress of the discipline itself. The union of disciplines is also the union of memories for a broader basis of research and culture”». The volume collects 16 lectures by Anati at conventions of psychoanalysts on his conceptual system to overcome the frontiers that separate different disciplines, for a new vision of research in the human and social sciences.



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The social roles of women, as those of men, are subject to biological, social, economic and cultural factors. Such roles are not the same among clans of hunters, tribes of rice growers, or complex urban societies. They are not the same in urban Kabul and in urban Las Vegas. Some societies allow more variability than others. A collection of papers facing thousands of years and different societies, by authors from various parts of the world, is provoking a healthy thinking on variable realities.

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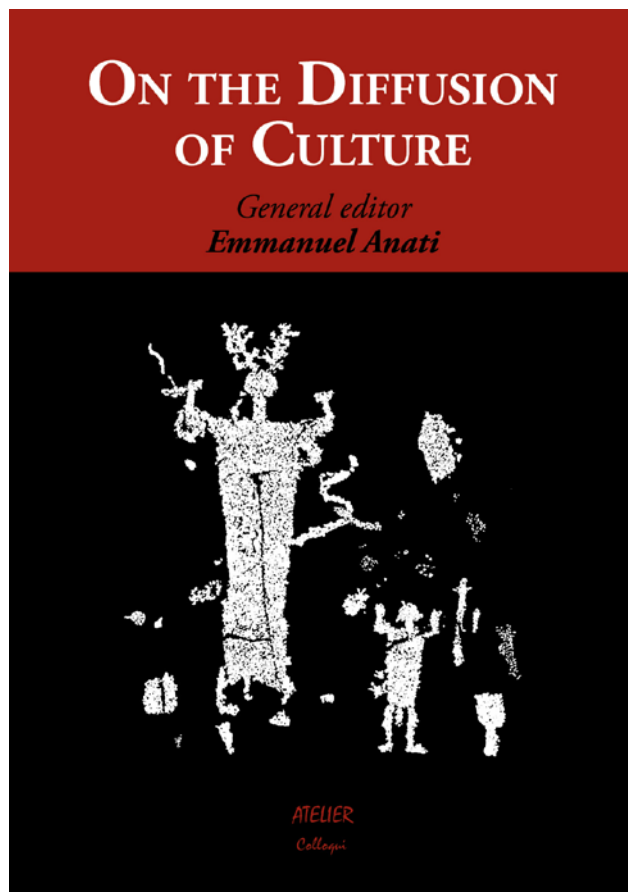
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The multi-millenary history of man is made of many stories, they are your heritage, whoever you are, they reveal the identity of your ancestors: explorers, pushed by the biggest fault and the biggest gift of our species: curiosity. Clamorous events like the diffusion of European culture in Australia changed its ethnic identity; the diffusion of Christianity in Latin America or of Islam in Asia and Africa introduced new values and changed beliefs and social traditions. The meeting and mingling of cultures resulted in modern humanity. This reality is made up of an infinity of adventures. Some examples find space in this volume. Small details may inspire great thoughts.



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Myths Revealed by Art

Anati, E. (ed.)

2022, *Myths Revealed by Art*,

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Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 96 pp., 94 figg. € 20

Prehistoric art illustrates the real and the imaginary realms of their makers. It is an immense visual archive representing a global phenomenon that records, memorizes and reveals human concepts, facts, beliefs, and emotions for ages, all over the globe. It is by far the largest documentation of the intellectual history of our species. The images survived, but their meaning has to be recovered. The five essays included in this volume provide snapshots of myths and beliefs revealed by prehistoric art in Africa, America, Asia, and Europe. Australia is added with a short note in the introduction. These are examples provoking thought and stimulating conceptual analysis.

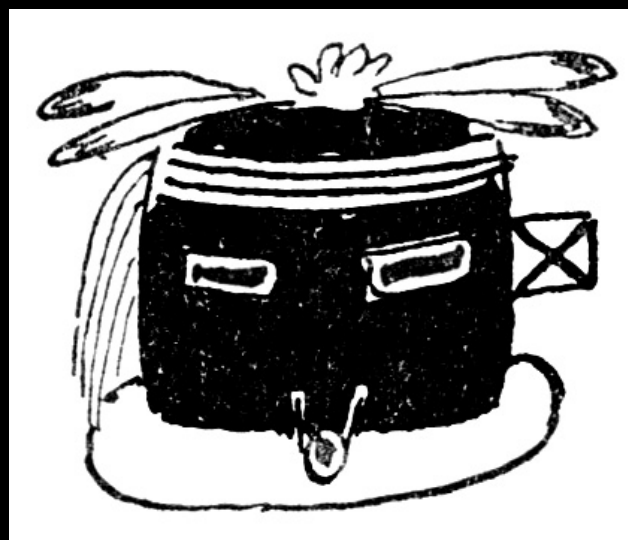
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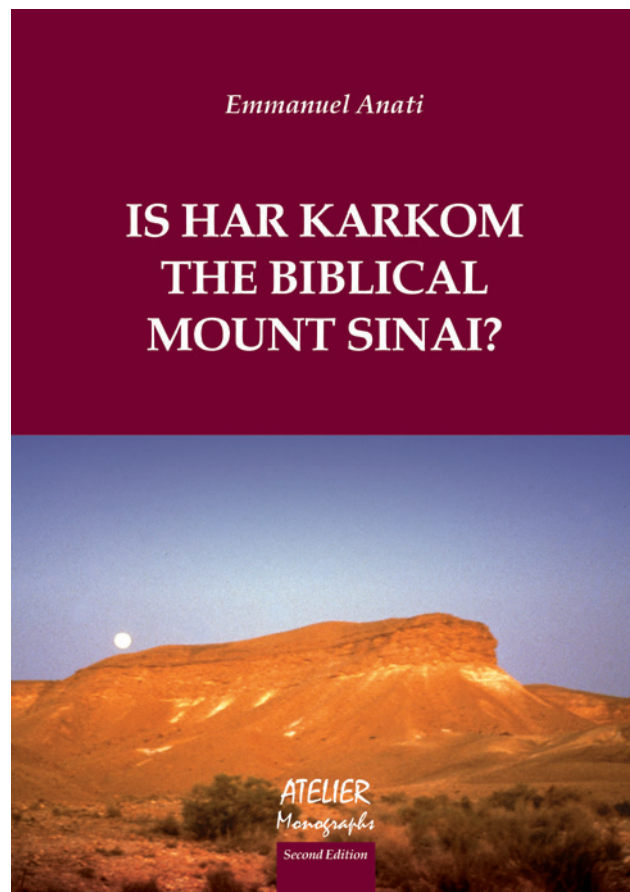
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Monographs I

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Ancient sanctuaries and campsites tell the hitherto unknown story of a mountain in the heart of the desert of Exodus. Is Har Karkom the biblical Mount Sinai? This volume raises other questions: to what extent may we consider the biblical narrative as a source of historical documentation? What is the true story behind the biblical narration of Exodus and the Mount Sinai revelation?



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Har Karkom, site HK 126/b. Rock engraving called 'The Ten Commandments'.

The Rock Art of Spain and Portugal

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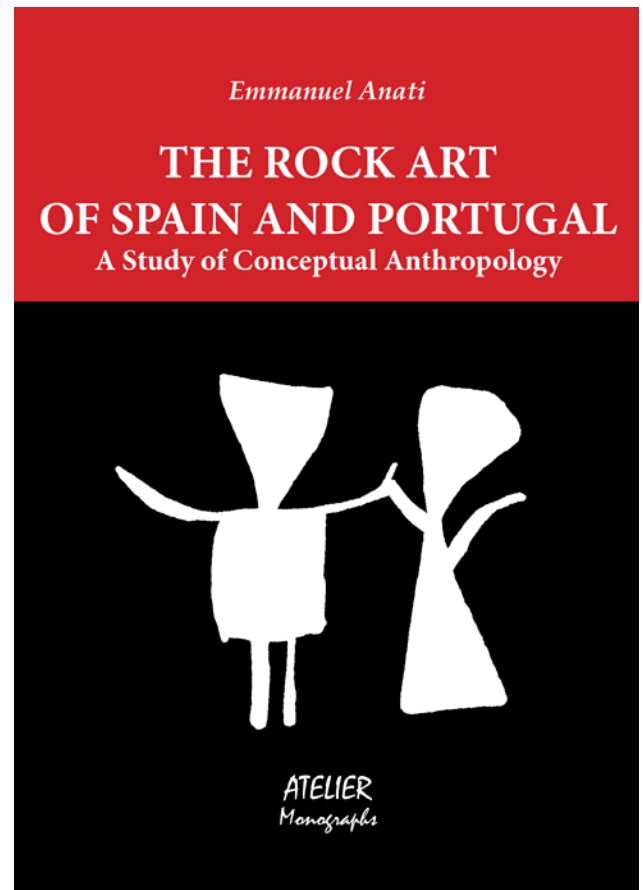
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An analytical synthesis of rock art in the Iberian Peninsula from the conceptual anthropology approach. The major concentrations of rock art are considered as expressions of their different cultural and social patterns.



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Cueva Saltadora, Vinromá, Castellón, Spain. Three human beings, probably female, have distinctive hairstyles.

The Rock Art of Azerbaijan

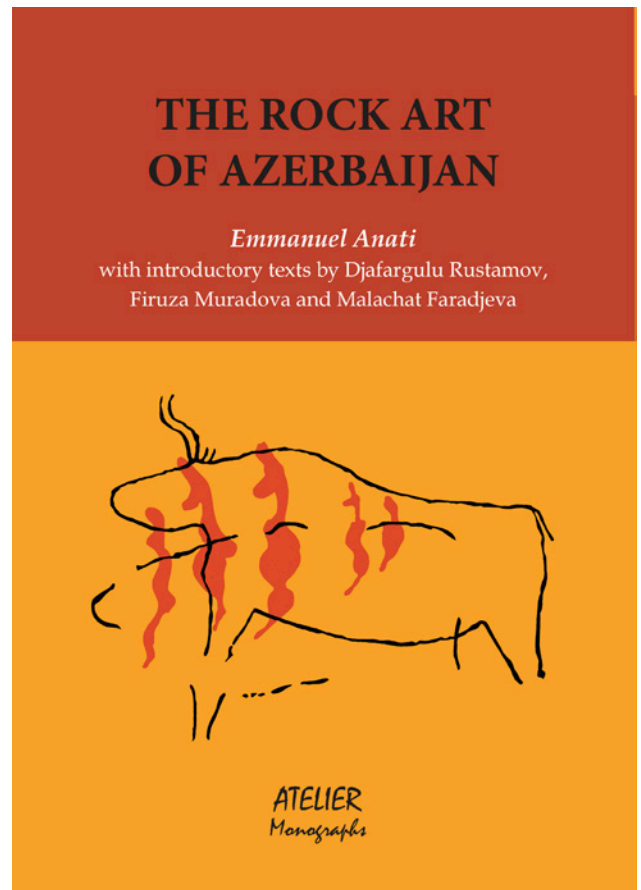
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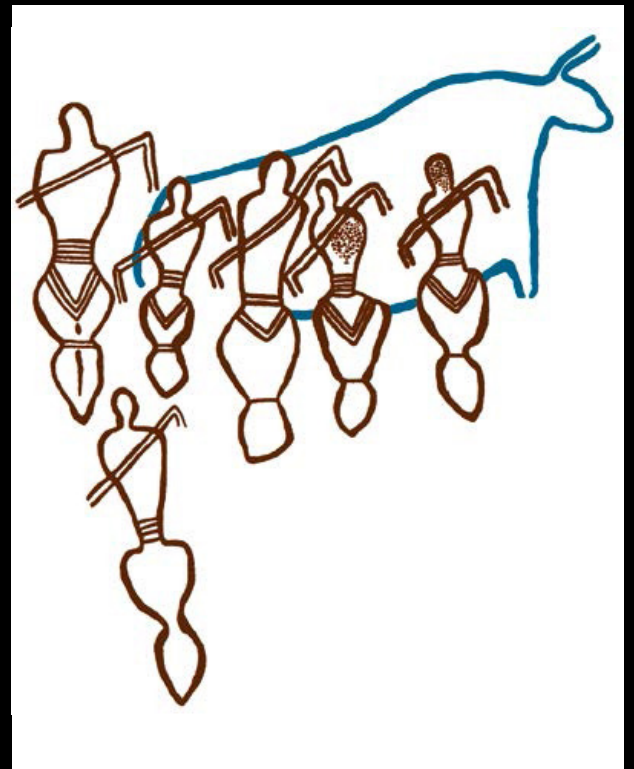
Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 156 pp. 189 figg. € 20

Over the course of centuries, Azerbaijan was a great centre of rock art. This gateway of Europe, between the Caucasus Mountains and the Caspian Sea, was a major way of migrations from Asia to Europe. Showing influence and connections with both Europe and the Near East, the succession of phases of rock art illustrates the movements of cultures and ideas from Paleolithic to recent times, shedding new light on the early movement of Homo sapiens. New chapters in the history of art are revealed by beautiful design and stylization.



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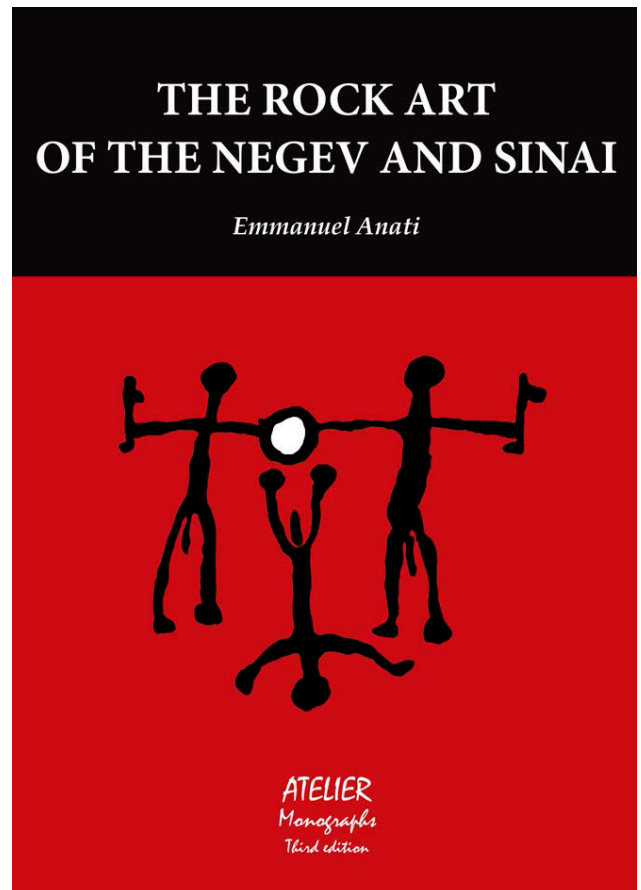
The Rock Art of the Negev and Sinai

Anati, E.

2015, *The rock Art of the Negev and Sinai*, terza edizione
Monographs IV

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 248 pp. 196 figg. € 20

The present volume is concerned with a new theme of archeology and anthropology: the rock art of the Negev and Sinai, presents here for the first time a general analysis in English. It elaborates on articles and a book written in the last 60 years, to produce a synthesis and an overview. The book is made up of two parts. The first is about the methods of research and the results thus obtained. The second is a record of the activities and events documented by the different periods of rock art, piecing together the previously unwritten history of people living in the now desert region of the Negev and Sinai throughout the ages.



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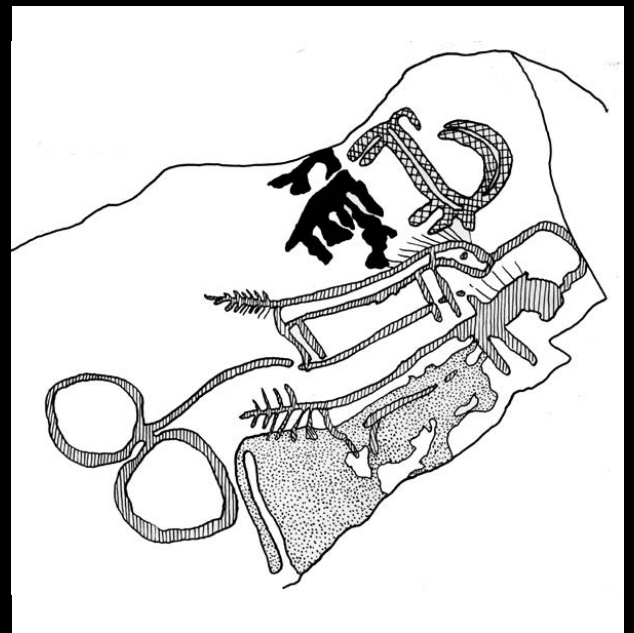
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En El Quderat, north Sinai, Egypt. Rock engravings. Example of figures found in superimposition. There are four different levels of patina. The oldest is that of a cow, classified as Style III. At the center of the tracing there is a two-wheeled wagon pulled by two animals, presumably two horses, classified as Style IV B. On the top right, the figure of an ibex of Style IVC. Finally, in black, a schematic animal figure, of the Style VI.

The Rock Art of Valcamonica

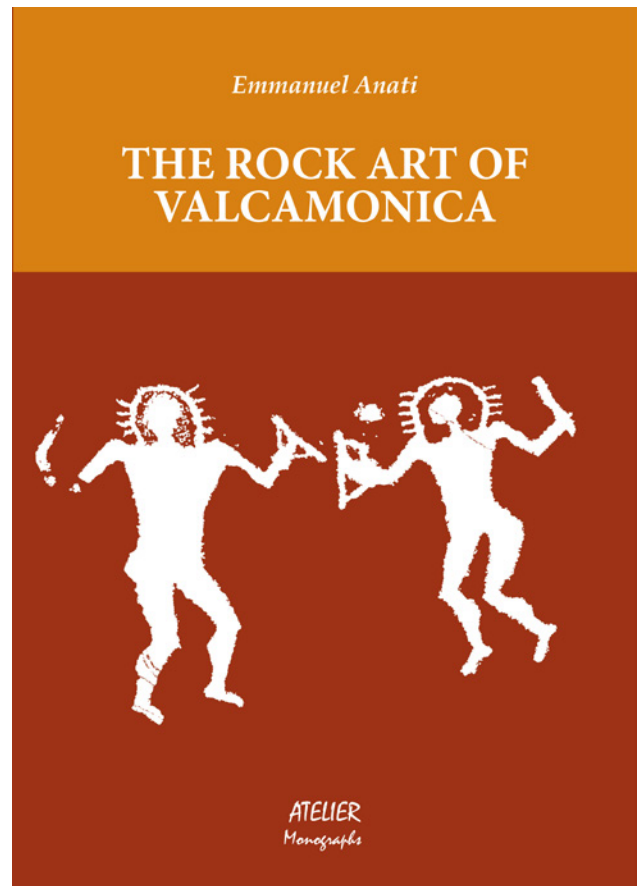
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2015, *The rock Art of Valcamonica*

Monographs V

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 260 pp. 153 figg. € 20

Valcamonica, in the Italian Alps, with over 300,000 images engraved on rocks, is the major rock art site in Europe. It is the first “World Heritage Site” listed by UNESCO in Italy and the first rock art site listed in the world. Its study reveals the largest archive left behind by the ancient inhabitants of Europe. After having excavated, traced, described and analyzed it for over half a century, the author presents this synthesis bringing new light on 10,000 years of history. The present work represents a turning point in the methodology of archaeological research. Europe regains millennia of its forgotten history.



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Naquane r. 50, Capo di Ponte. Tracing of the so-called “wagon maker”. In the Middle Iron Age the wheel becomes the symbol of the uranic god Taranis, and this scene could be associated to its cult.

World Rock Art

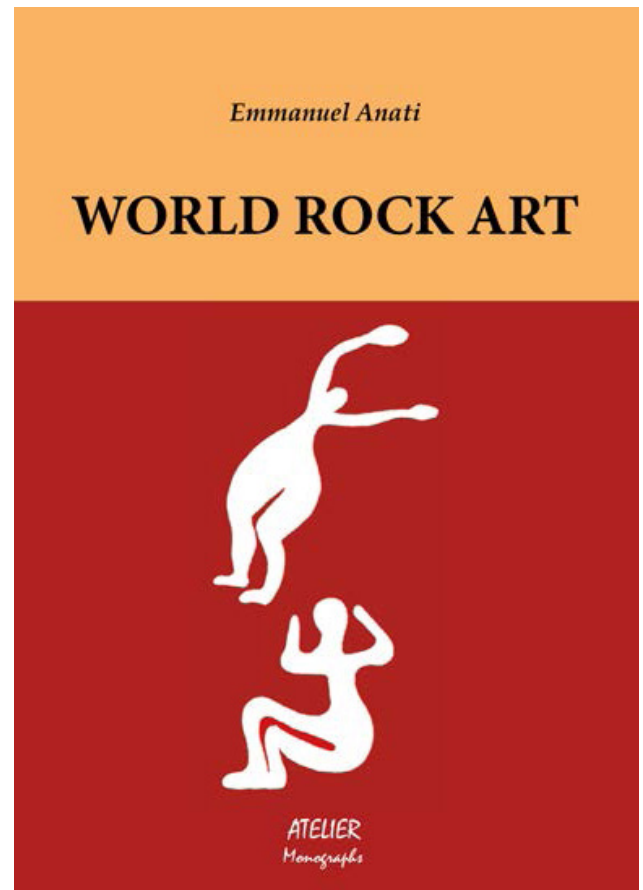
Anati, E.

2015, *World Rock Art*

Monographs VI

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 212 pp. 193 figg. € 20

This book is a fundamental introduction to rock art studies. It marks the starting point of a new methodology for rock art analysis, based on typology and style, first developed by the author at the Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici, Capo di Ponte, Brescia, Italy. It can be seen at the beginning of a new discipline, the systematic study of world rock art.



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Pachene, Chimanes, Bolivia. Deeply engraved rock surface. Proliferation of vaginas. Over 30 vagina ideograms show a variety of shapes on the same surface. On the upper part of the surface there is a cup- and-ring ideogram, a phallic depiction and other marks with obvious sexual significance.

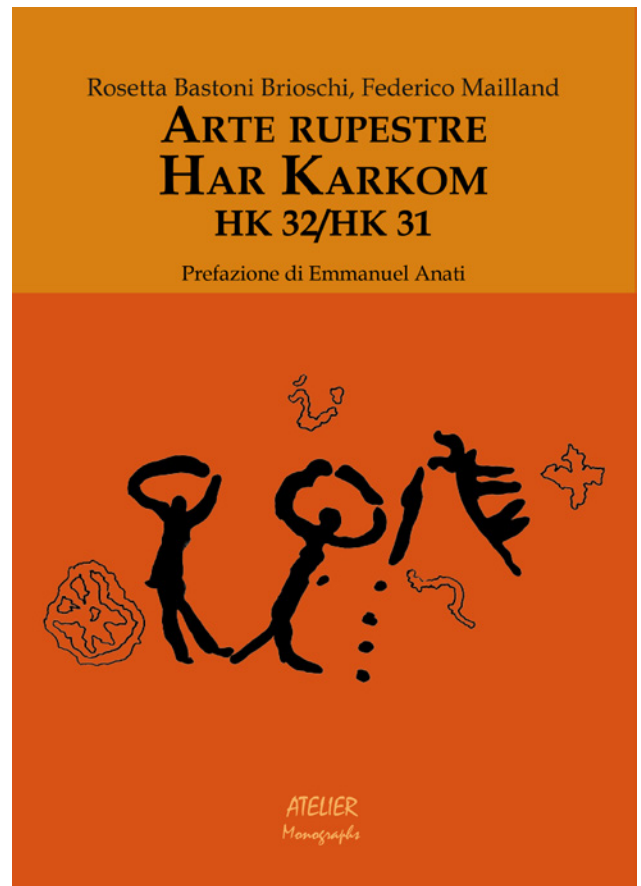
Arte Rupestre - Har Karkom HK 32/HK 31

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(Prefazione di Emmanuel Anati)

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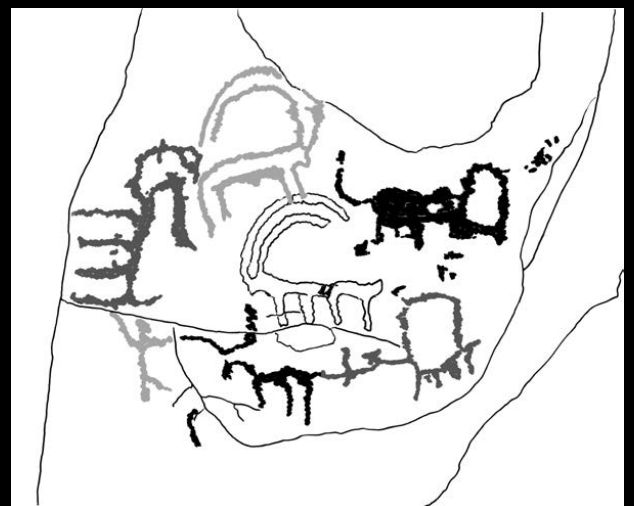
Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 256 pp. 322 figg. € 20

Within the frame of the Archaeological Italian Expedition in Israel, the present book is a record of rock art in two adjacent sites on the plateau of Har Karkom. The rock art is in the same area with tumuli, altar stones, stone circles and other megalithic structures. Some of the rock engravings are on these monuments. The rock engravings are described and illustrated by numerous photos and tracings.



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L'arte delle tapa

Sacre stoffe dell'Oceania

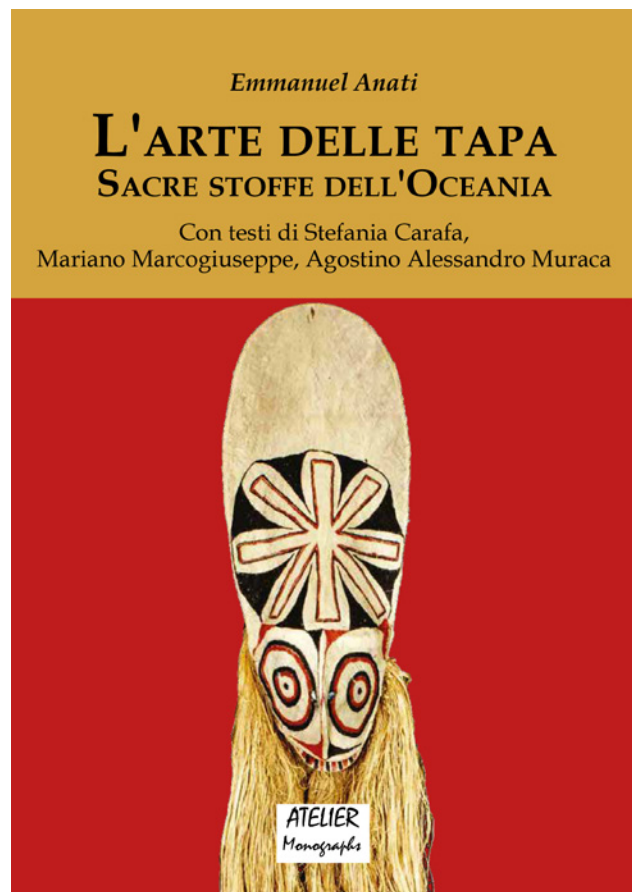
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2015, *L'arte delle tapa, sacre stoffe dell'Oceania*

Monografie VIII (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 212 pp. 193 figg. € 20

The tapa is a non-woven fabric, a kind of felt produced from the bark of some species of trees. Their origins are much earlier than the invention of weaving. Their roots go back to the Old Stone Age. Indirect testimony of their antiquity are provided by the discovery of tools used for the manufacture of tapa in archaeological layers and by figures of tapa cloths in the rock art. The manufacture of tapa is an art that has been passed down for thousands of years and survives nowadays, although incorporated in social systems that are adapted to modern society.



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Ambasi village, province of Oro, Papua New Guinea. Three girls dressed in loincloth of tapa, belts and jewelry, stand next a mourning widow, with her body painted in white. The dress of the widow is made of shells and vegetable (Photo F. Hurley, April 1971).

Exodus

Between Myth and History

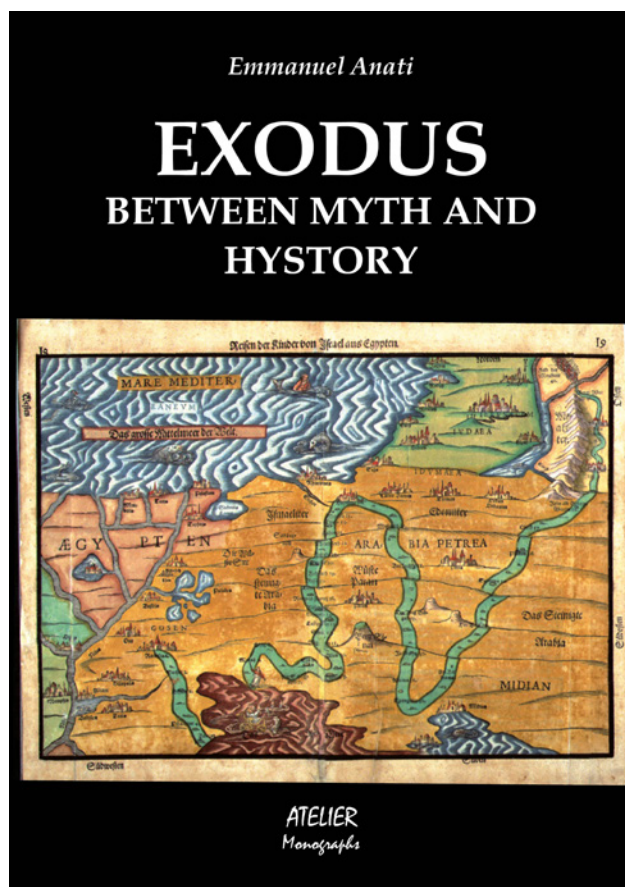
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2016, *Esodo. Tra mito e storia*

Monographs IX

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 212 pp. 193 figg. € 40

The epic of Moses: is it myth or history? The Biblical narrative of the exodus and the revelation of Mount Sinai are a monumental literary work that has been passed down for well over two millennia, after being transmitted orally for centuries. What would have really happened during the Exodus? How did monotheism emerge? Who were the mentioned people of the desert met by the children of Israel? The central episode of the epic is the revelation at Mount Sinai. The location near the Saint Catherine's monastery is a Byzantine proposal that many scholars believe baseless. New archaeological discoveries suggest a reconstruction of the route of exodus and its historical context and reveal pieces of history behind the magnificent biblical epic.



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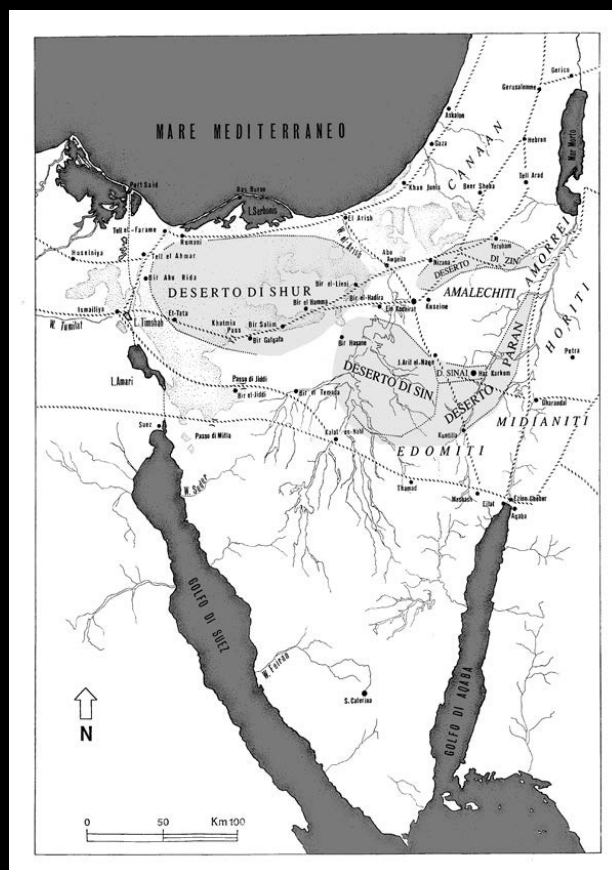
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The main ancient routes between Egypt and the Near East (Archive HK).

Har Karkom e la questione del Monte Sinai

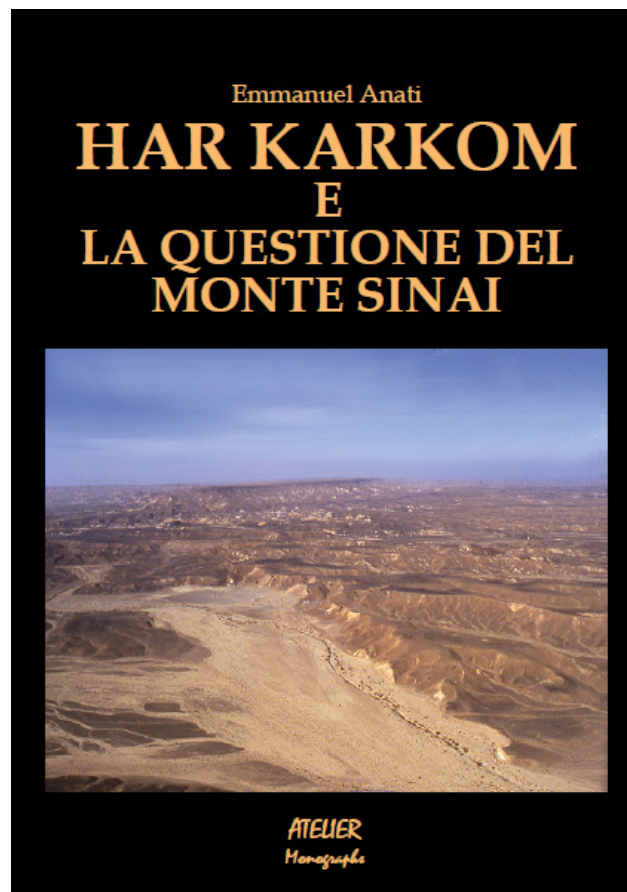
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2016, *Har Karkom e la questione del Monte Sinai*

Monografie X (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 220 pp. 138 figg. € 30

The findings of shrines and encampments of the Bronze Age at Har Karkom, a mountain located in one of the driest places and inhospitable parts of the Negev desert, in the north of the Sinai Peninsula, arouses a global debate on the hypothesis that this mountain can be identified with the biblical Mount Sinai. The book presents a summary of the discoveries; it calls into question previous assumptions about the reliability of the Exodus Biblical narrative, both on the location of the mythical Mount Sinai, and on the chronological discrepancies proposed by various researchers. The book is richly documented by photographs, maps and other illustration.



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Stone engraved with "The rod and the snake". This cippus probably commemorates the story of a mighty rod that turned into a snake. (HK site 32, photo ISR 84: XLVII-27, HK archive).

Radici della cultura

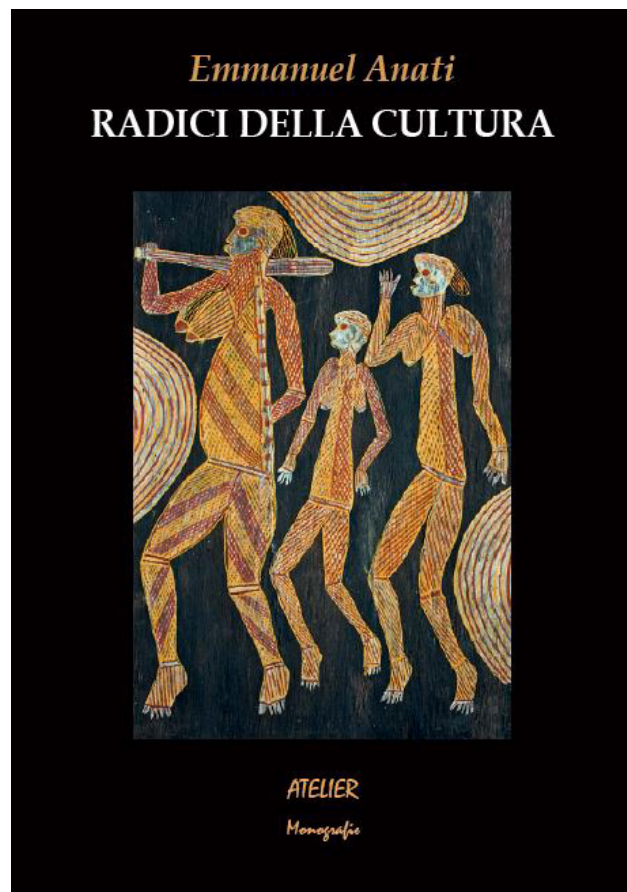
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2017, *Radici della Cultura*

Monografie XI (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 438 pp. 92 figg. € 40

The history of culture is the history which unify the whole of human kind. As Yves Coppens wrote in the preface, from the very first flint tool four million years ago to the conquest of space, the human adventure shows an hyperbole, which from the beginning of history, through the ages, builds the reality of present and project us to the future. This book is a synthesis of the wonderful conceptual evolution of our species, which sets the actual reality in the evolutive dynamic, defining the identity of this species, of which we are sons and protagonists.



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Tassili Ouan-bender, Algeria. Rock painting of Nomad Pastoralists. A couple, a man and a woman, is inside a hut and takes care of the fire. (from a photo of J.D. Lajoux, 1962; WARA W01102).

The Riddle of Mount Sinai

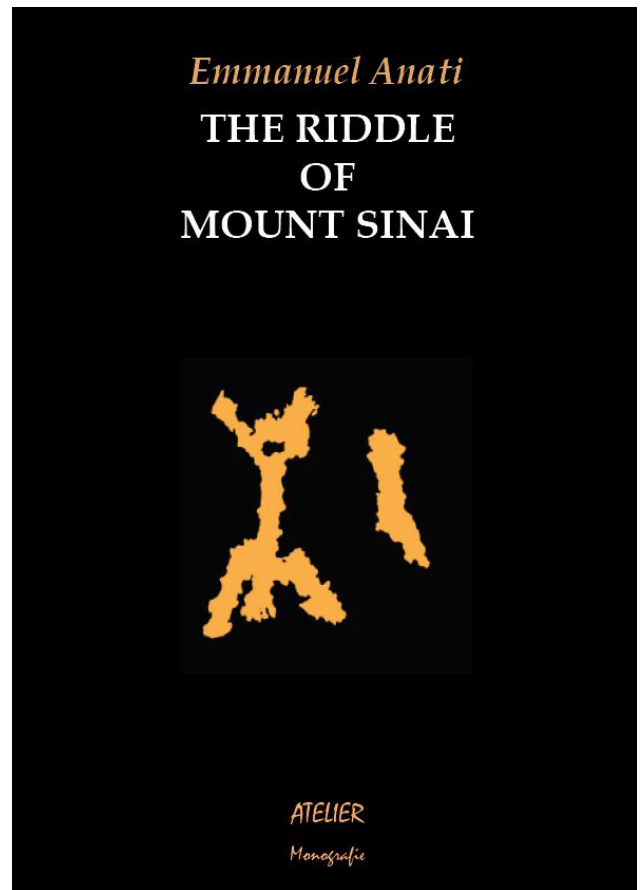
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2017, *The Riddle of Mount Sinai*

Monographs XII

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 260 pp. 141 figg. € 40

What is the true story behind the biblical narration of Exodus? The discoveries of the Italian archaeological expedition at Har Karkom, in the Negev Desert, tell the hitherto unknown story of the sacred mountain in the heart of the desert of Exodus, reflecting surprising similarities to the events and conditions described to us, albeit in mythicised form, in the Old Testament. The mountain was a paramount cult site and the archaeological discoveries go far beyond the expectations. This well documented volume also helps to clarify a major question: to what extent may we consider the biblical narration as a source of historical documentation.



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Tracing and photograph of an anthropomorphic stone in which eyes and nostrils have been emphasised. On the “forehead” of the figure an image of an antelope is engraved. It is likely to represent a divinity or other mythological figure. (Site HK 64b; drawing: HK Archive, photo EA93; XIX-9; WARA W01836, W05895)

The Rock Art of Tanzania and the East African Sequence

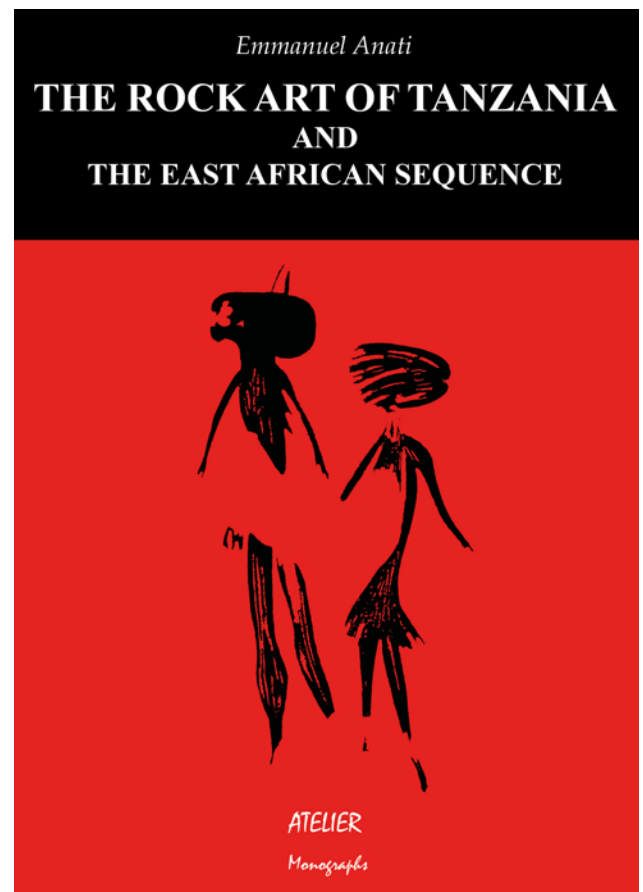
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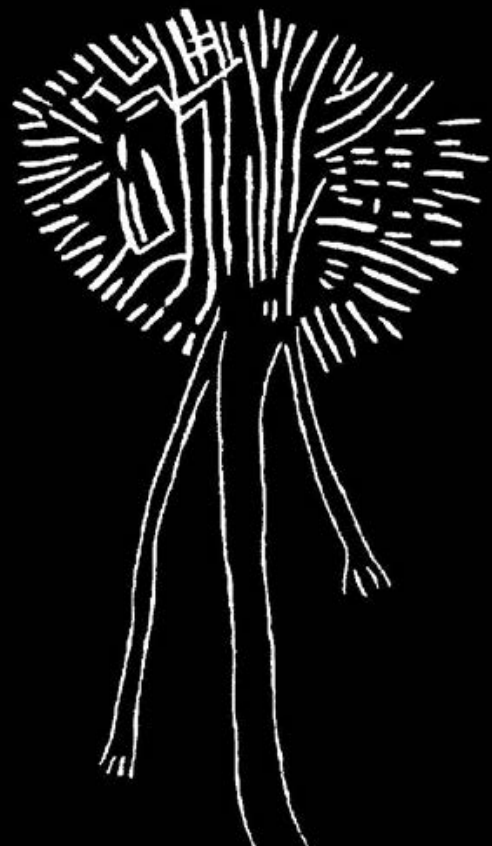
Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 142 pp. 107 figg. € 20

The rock art of Tanzania, in over 200 caves and rock shelters, is presented in this book using the analytical method of Conceptual Anthropology. Stylistic phases and periods are covering millennia. Each phase is defined, revealing the variations of memories and beliefs. Chapters of a newly discovered history describe the art of the Bantu farmers, and that of previous human groups, of Nilotic pastoralists, of different groups of hunters and of peculiar vegetarian food gatherers. New light is shed on the most explored and least known continent.



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Pahi. Rock painting of an anthropomorphic tree of the Early Gatherers. (After M. Leakey, 1983).

Har Karkom in the Negev Desert

Raw material for a museum on two million years of human presence

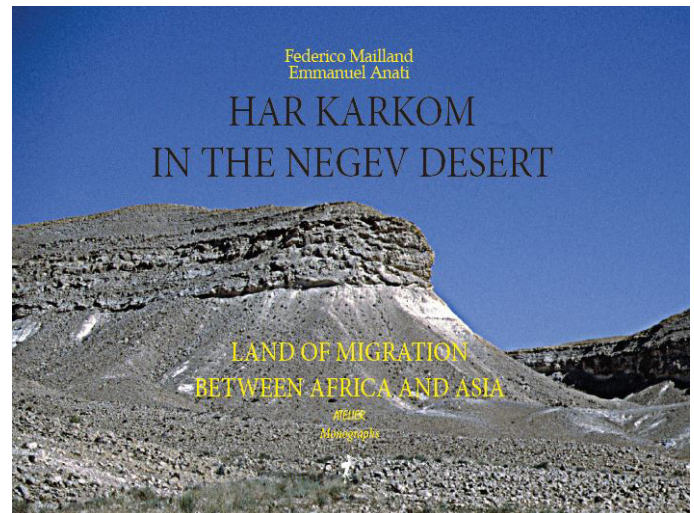
Mailland, F.; Anati, E.

2018, *Har Karkom in the Negev Desert. Raw Material for a museum on two million years of human presence*

Monographs XIV

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 130 pp. 534 figg. € 110

A mountain located in the land-bridge between Africa and the rest of the world yielded traces of ages of human presence ever since the first steps of the human ancestors out of Africa. The archeological discoveries tell us of two million years, from the earliest stations of archaic Pebble Culture, to recent Bedouin camping sites. The site became a holy mountain with shrines and other cult structures already in the Paleolithic; it developed into an immense cult site in the Bronze Age, likely to be the biblical Mount Sinai. The present book is displaying the results of over 30 years of fieldwork, the raw material of the sequence of ages, for a museum on Har Karkom in the Negev Desert, presenting the story of humankind as concentrated in a mountain of a few square miles in the middle of one of the most arid and nowadays most inhospitable spots in the Near East.



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A boulder with the engraving of a vaguely anthropomorphic face in site HK 106d.

Arte rupestre dell'Australia

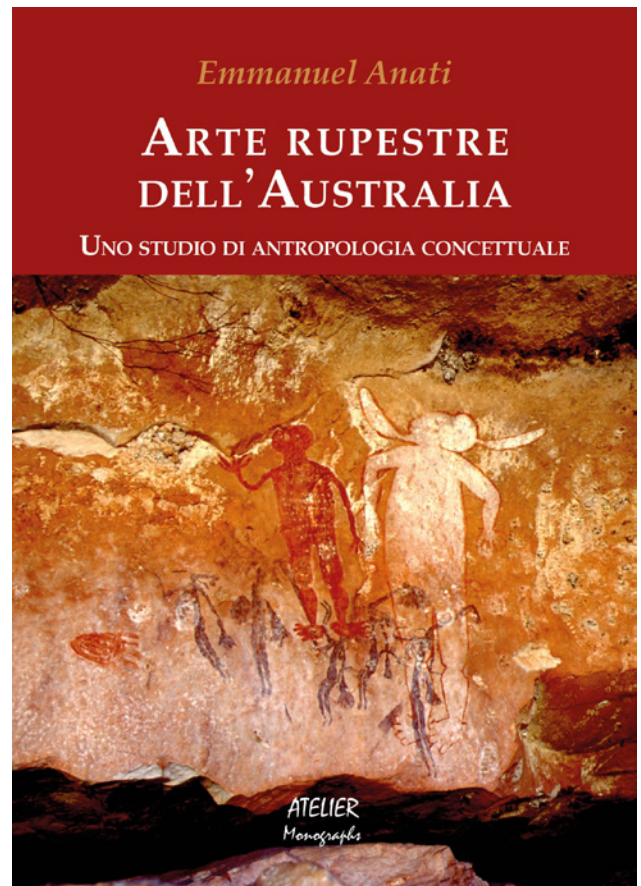
Uno studio di antropologia concettuale

2019, *Arte rupestre dell'Australia*

Monografie XV (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 244 pp. 163 figg. € 20

Until yesterday the Australian aborigines were hunter-gatherers, creators of visual art according to ancient traditions and beliefs. Rock art tells their story and the history of art of 50,000 years. Globally, this duration and this sequence are more unique than rare. After more than forty years since his first research in Australia, the author reworked travel notes in this work of conceptual anthropology, in search of the motives that led man to leave millions of images in forests and deserts that reveal his intellectual adventures. Thematic and stylistic variations offer unpublished chapters of the history of art. Their creative spirit and the search to understand the world around them, show the immensity of human adventure.



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Kimberly. Pair of "Tassel Bradshaws", each with a long-tailed marsupial facing up and aligned near the hairstyle. What story does this image offer us? The two figures have different attires: who are they? Images dating back over 20,000 years ago reveal aspects of civilization that change the vision of prehistory.

Il santuario paleolitico di Har Karkom

E il succedersi di culti nel deserto del Negev

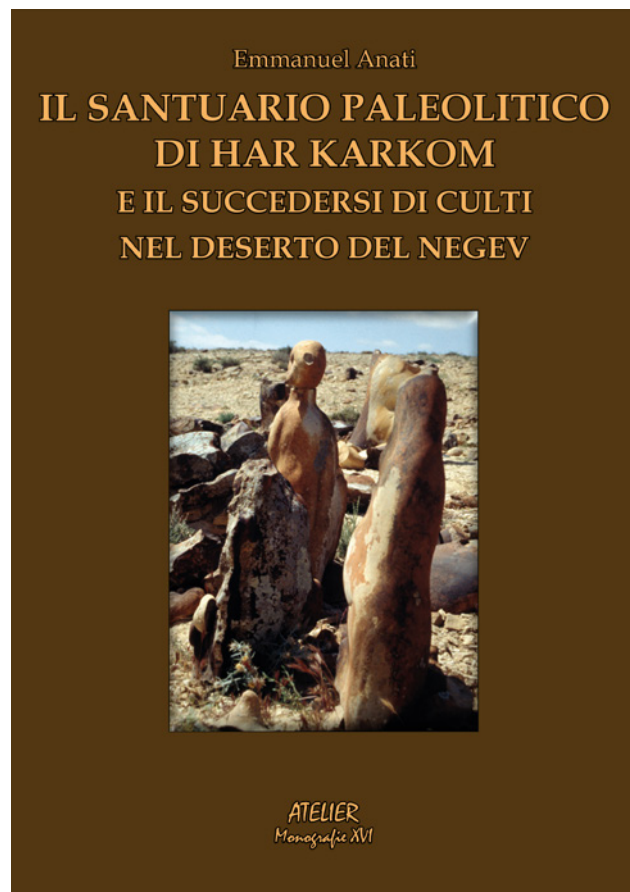
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2020, *Il santuario paleolitico di Har Karkom*

Monografie XVI (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 104 pp. 54 figg. € 20

The discovery of a Paleolithic sanctuary, the oldest known, in the middle of the desert, and right in the desert of the biblical Exodus and the perennial exodus, along the great migratory route between Africa and Asia, awakens questions about the spiritual and conceptual world of the origins of religion. The surprise of this volume is that it reveals how and why. Concepts and beliefs emerge that gave rise to one of the oldest religious expressions in the world: it adds a new chapter in the history of religions.



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Some of the flint orthostats of the Paleolithic sanctuary HK 86b. The central figure had at his feet the stone representing the face which has been returned to its present place (Site HK 86b; photo EA92; CXXXVIII-19; W05889).

Decoding Prehistoric Art and the Origins of Writing

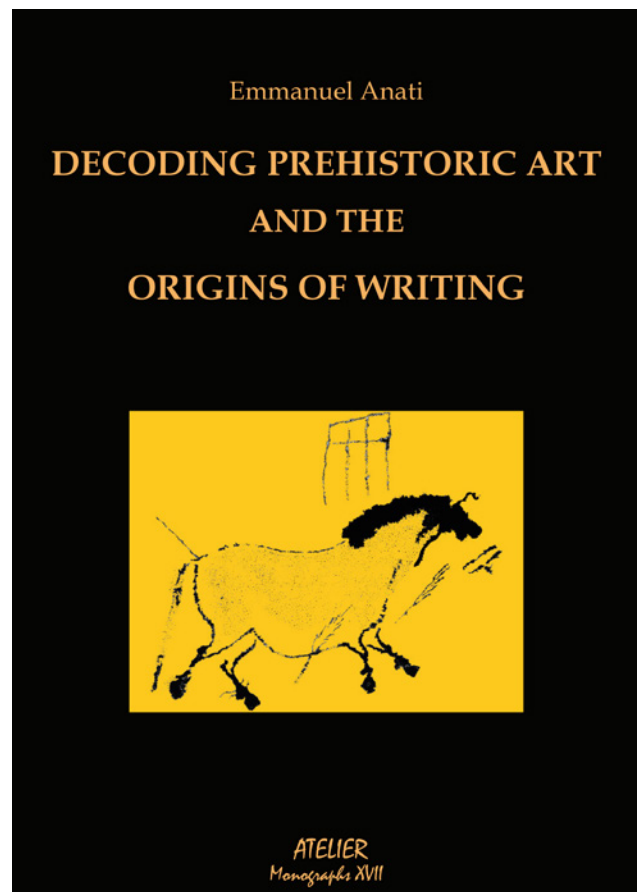
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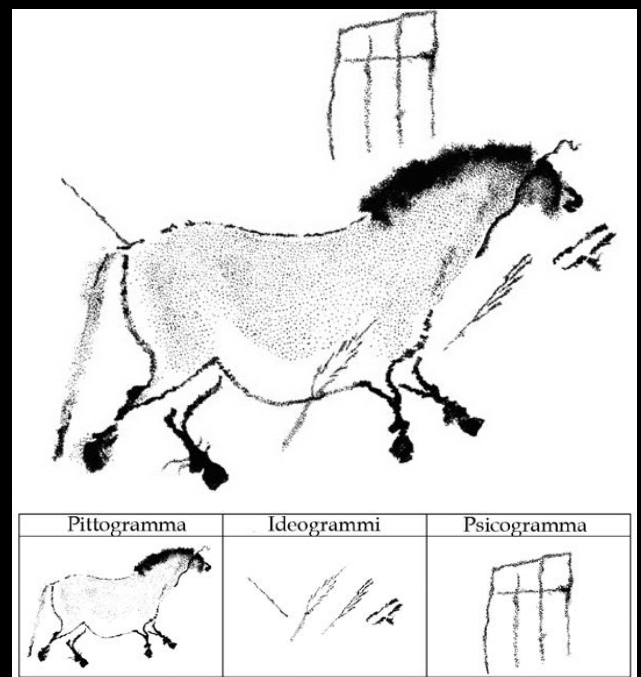
Second Edition, Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 110 pp. 33 figg. € 20

In this book you will find that the first attempts at writing go back thousands of years earlier than previously thought: the decoding of Paleolithic art, painstakingly undertaken by the author and presented here through a variety of illustrated examples, leads to the discovery of new aspects of human conceptual evolution and human mental processes. The multi-disciplinary methods of conceptual anthropology employed by the author led to a breakthrough in the decoding and reading of what had been considered mute aesthetic beauties. They are documents, in the form of Pleistocene rock art, cave art and mobile art, that bring new light on ages for which no one had registered the possibility of obtaining historical documents.



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Lascaux Cave, Dordogne, France. Horse painted in yellow ochre with black outline. This pictogram is accompanied by ideograms of "arbolet" (male valence) in yellow and "lips" (female valence) in black. Above the pictogram there is a reddish brown psychogram composed by a rectangle and four vertical lines or ray. What is the horse and what is the message behind this composition?

The Bronze Age Sacred Sites of Har Karkom

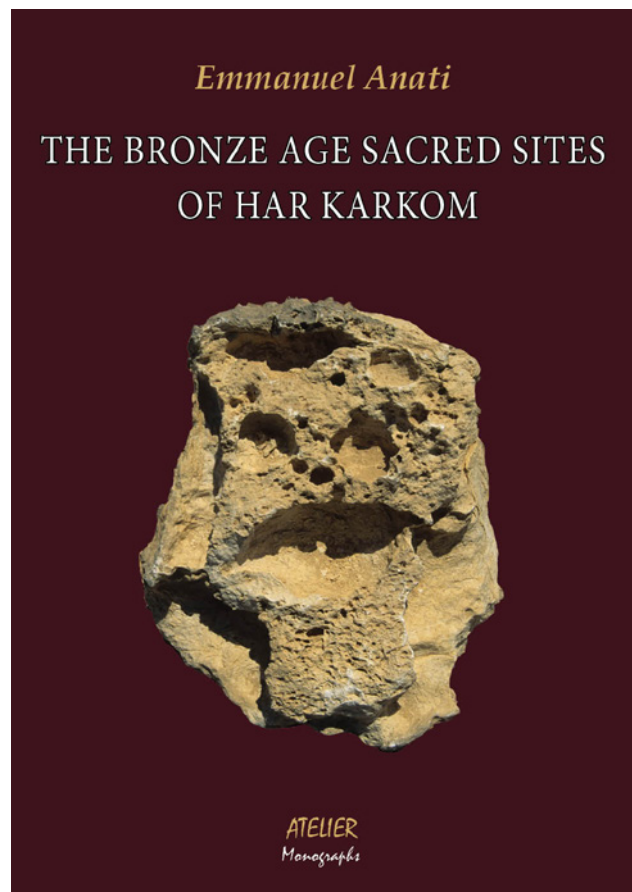
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2022, *The Bronze Age Sacred Sites of Har Karkom*

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Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 124 pp., 118 figg. € 20

The Har Karkom Bronze Age cult sites, found on the mountain and in the surrounding valleys, the types of altars, ritual platforms, private sanctuaries, shrines, temples, anthropomorphic cult-stones, menhirs and standing pillars, tumuli, geoglyphs and rock art, disclose the vast dimensions of rituals, traditions and beliefs of the tribal world in the desert, related to the narrations of the biblical book of Exodus.



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Altar stone with a cup-basin on top. It has the engraving of an ibex and an anthropomorphic figure which is either masked or has an animal face. It is part of a BAC plaza site. (Site HK 234; photo ISR86: LI- 17).

Malta preistorica

Appunti per la ricerca di 8.000 anni di storia

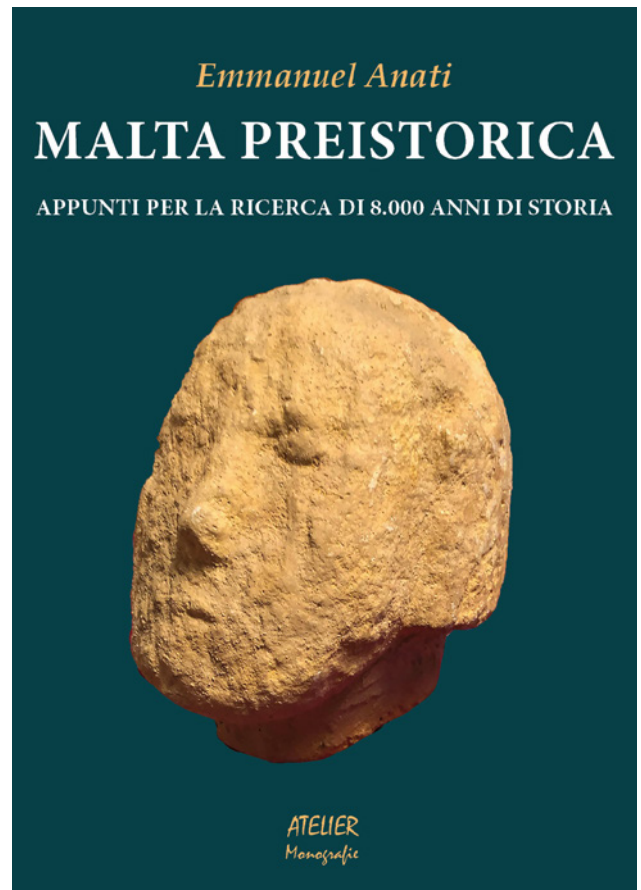
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Monografie XIX (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 180 pp., 113 figg. € 20

The story of Malta has several unsolved questions, starting with the dilemma of the first presence of man on these islands in the Paleolithic period. Other riddles emerge for each period. The most relevant problems remain those related to the magnificent and still mysterious development of the Neolithic megalithic temples. New orientations in research reveal the surprising roles of this group of islands in the center of the Mediterranean, for the rediscovery of the human epics in the sea that surrounds them.



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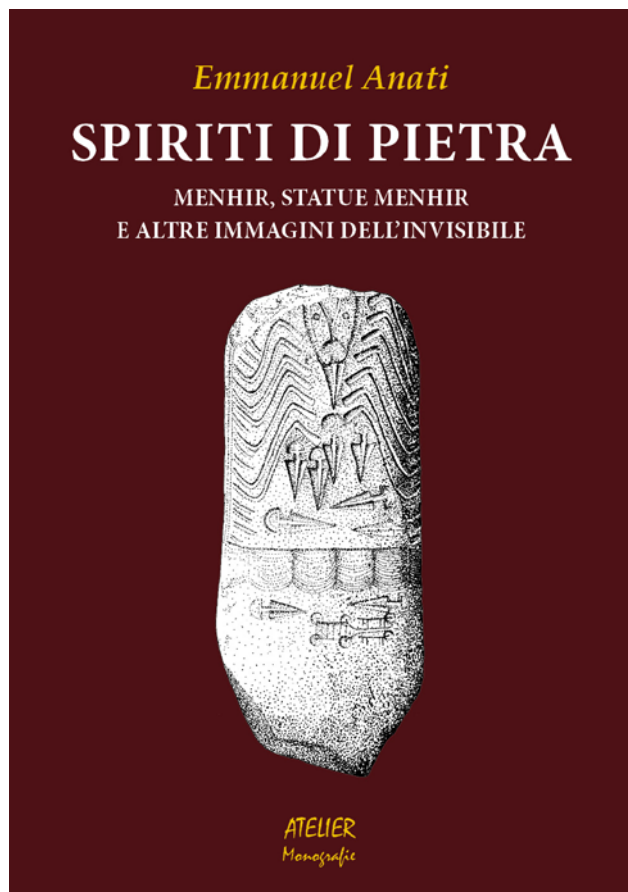
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2022, *Spiriti di pietra. Menhir, statue menhir e altre immagini dell'invisibile*

Monografie XX (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 150 pp., 74 figg. € 20

The menhirs, or standing stones, decorated or not, appear to be the expression of a conceptual movement aimed at the cult of ancestral spirits, that dominated religious thoughts for millennia. These prehistoric monuments, spread over most of Eurasia, are witnesses of the first great universal religion of which we have traces. In this context, ethnic and regional trends are revealed by the local evolutions of iconography. From their study emerges, among other things, the presence of a monotheistic cult in Valcamonica and surrounding valleys, in the heart of Europe, that of a spirit that encompasses heaven and earth, already 5000 years ago, long before the polytheism of the Greco-Roman Olympus. The book elaborates an analytical method of conceptual anthropology contributing new chapters to the history of religions.



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Menhir statue of the Iron Age, of Filetto, Lunigiana, with ax and darts (see page 121).

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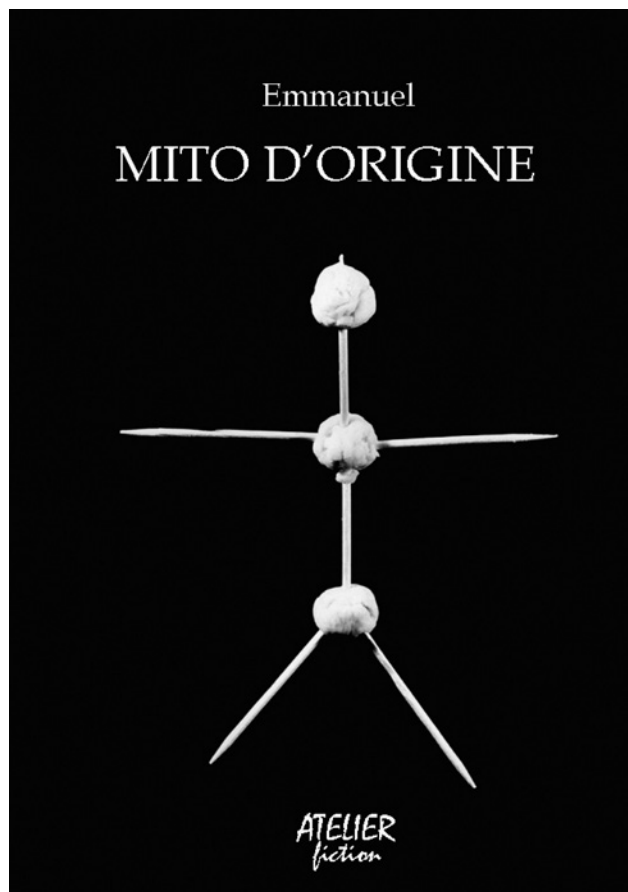
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2012, *Mito d'origine*

Mostre I (in Italian)

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 55 pp. 44 figg. € 16

Mito d'Origine and Epoca dei Sogni are two educational exhibitions made by sequences of photos. They tell stories that at first sight seem to come from another world. Between reality and dream, realism and myth, symbols and metaphors, they accompany us in the space of flooded memories. Balls and sticks wander, meet and multiply in black space, always accompany the shadows and the lights of thought. They are works created by the author at a young age now published for the first time, a few decades after they were first conceived.



Bark Paintings

Australian Aboriginal Art

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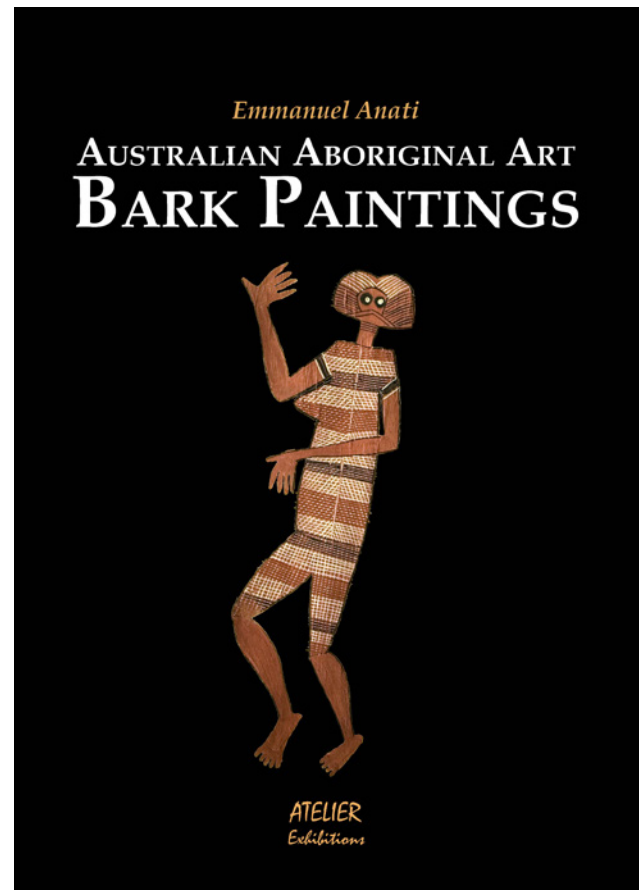
2015, *L'arte degli aborigeni australiani.*

Le pitture su corteccia d'albero

Exhibitions II

Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 80 pp. 54 figg. € 20

Australian Aborigines have produced paintings on tree bark that, in addition to being remarkable artworks, store myths and memories, emotions and human relations. What remains today of authentic bark paintings, made by Aborigines for themselves, is an extremely small group. It constitutes a direct contact with a way of thinking, seeing and believing, of the last surviving Paleolithic people and provides an immense amount data on mythology, conceptualism that sometimes is philosophy, and the search for contact with the natural and supernatural world in which they are immersed.



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Kimberley. Oval bark. It represents the Wangina spirits enveloped by clouds that produce rain. Two serpents representing two appearances of the rainbow serpent accompany them. This painting has a didactic or mnemonic function. (52 x 35 cm).

From Rock to Canvas

Australian Aboriginal Contemporary Art

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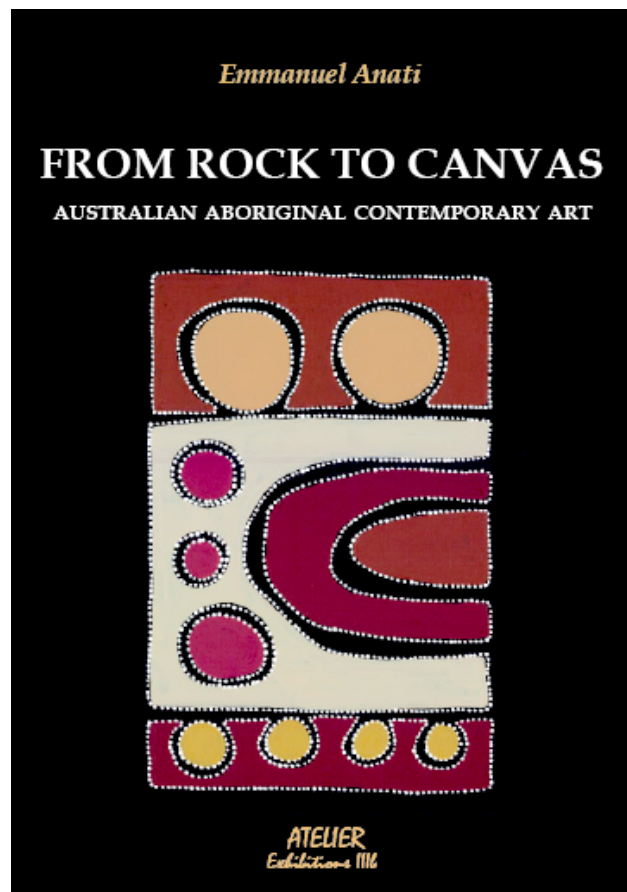
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L'arte contemporanea degli aborigeni australiani

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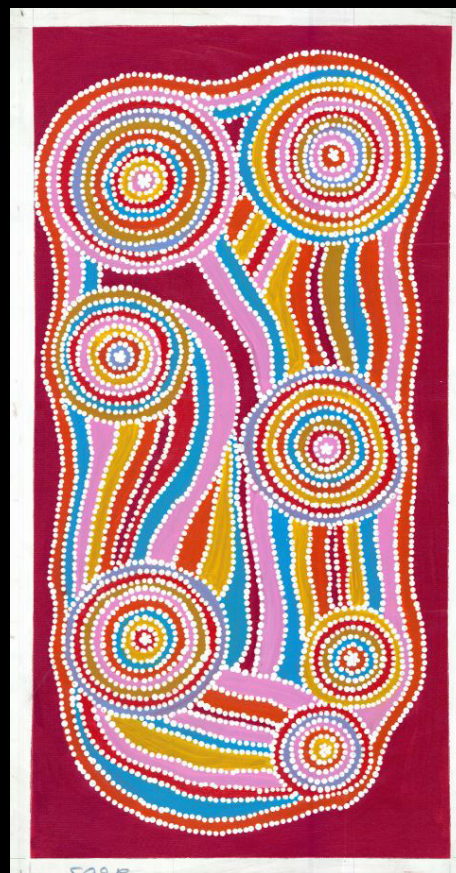
Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 95 pp. 78 figg. € 20

Turning from Stone Age to the age of air-conditioning in a generation is an experience which leaves its mark on artistic expression. The canvas paintings made by contemporary Aboriginal artists, whose fathers painted on rocks or tree bark, display a momentous revolution in the spirit of a generation that has jumped over millennia. This volume presents works with a great artistic value, made by Aboriginal artists. How is it possible to explain that in the turn of a single generation style, themes, goals, everything has changed? It is an extraordinary case for art history, while for psychology it is a window opened on mental processes. These spiritual changes are reflected in their art, which is the mirror of their changing soul.



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Tav. 68 Tom Jarayo TOMTHON, 2015, No title, 118 x 58 cm.

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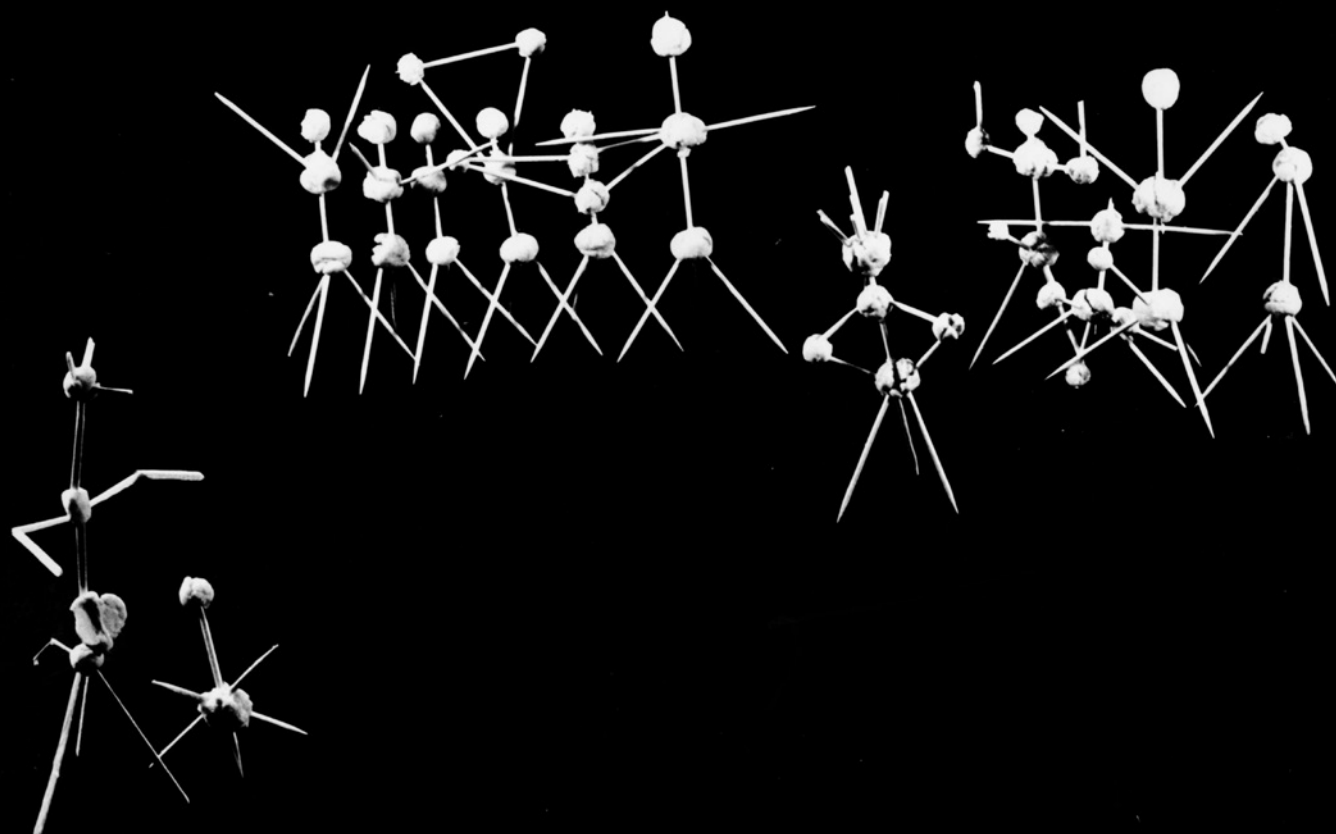
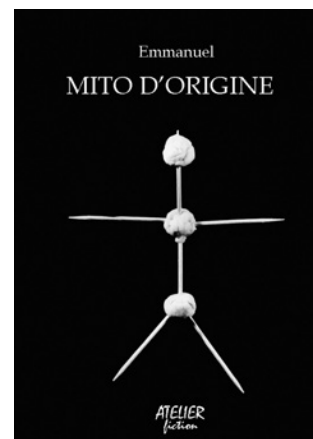
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2012, *Epoca dei sogni*, Capo di Ponte (Atelier), 63 pp. 51 figg. € 16
Fiction II (in Italian)

The first works of Atelier Fiction, *Mito d'Origine* and *Epoca dei Sogni*, tell stories that at first sight seem to come from another world. Between reality and dream, realism and myth, symbols and metaphors, they accompany us in the space of flooded memories. Balls and sticks wander, meet and multiply in black space, always accompanying the shadows and the lights of thought. They are works created by the author at a young age now published for the first time, a few decades after they were first conceived.



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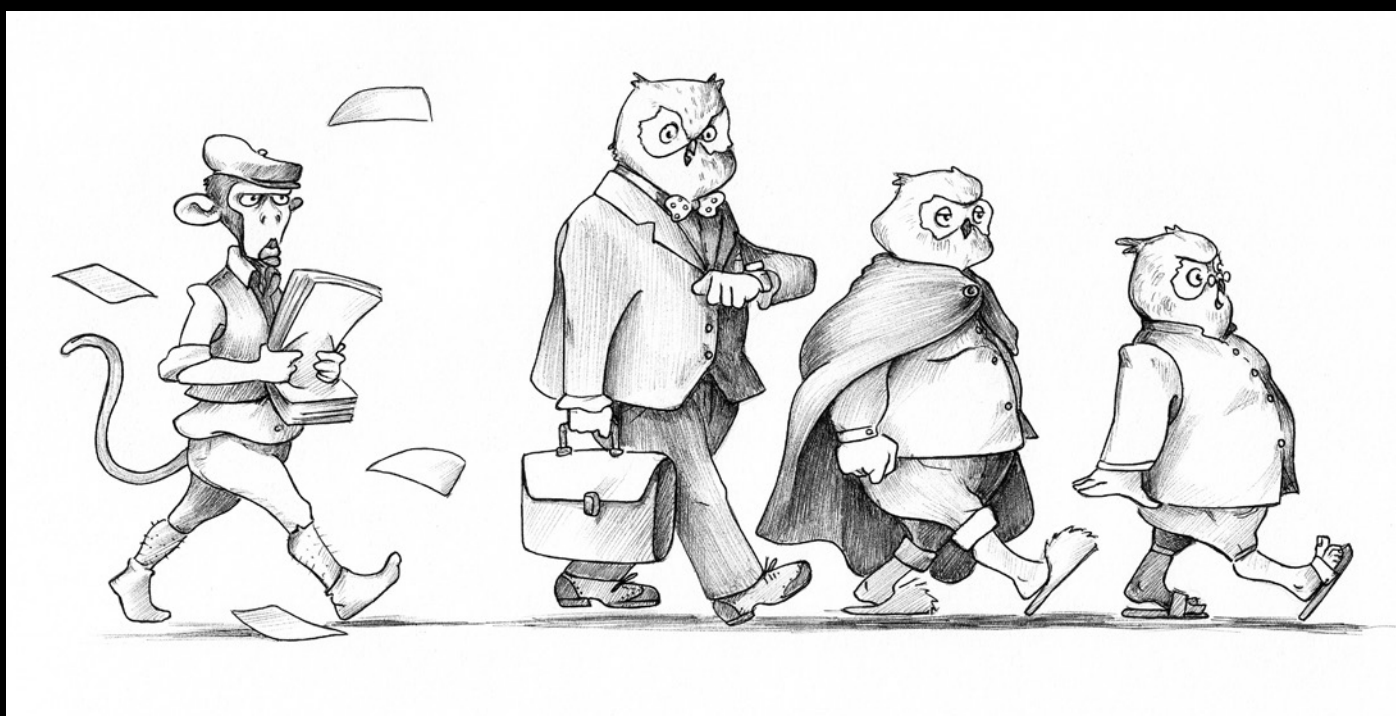
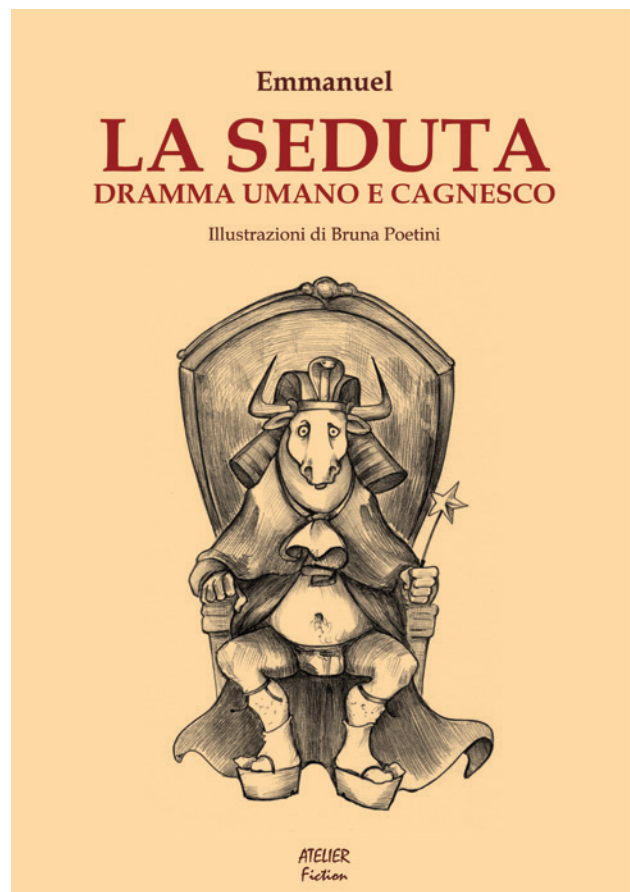
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2013, *La seduta. Dramma umano e cagnesco*

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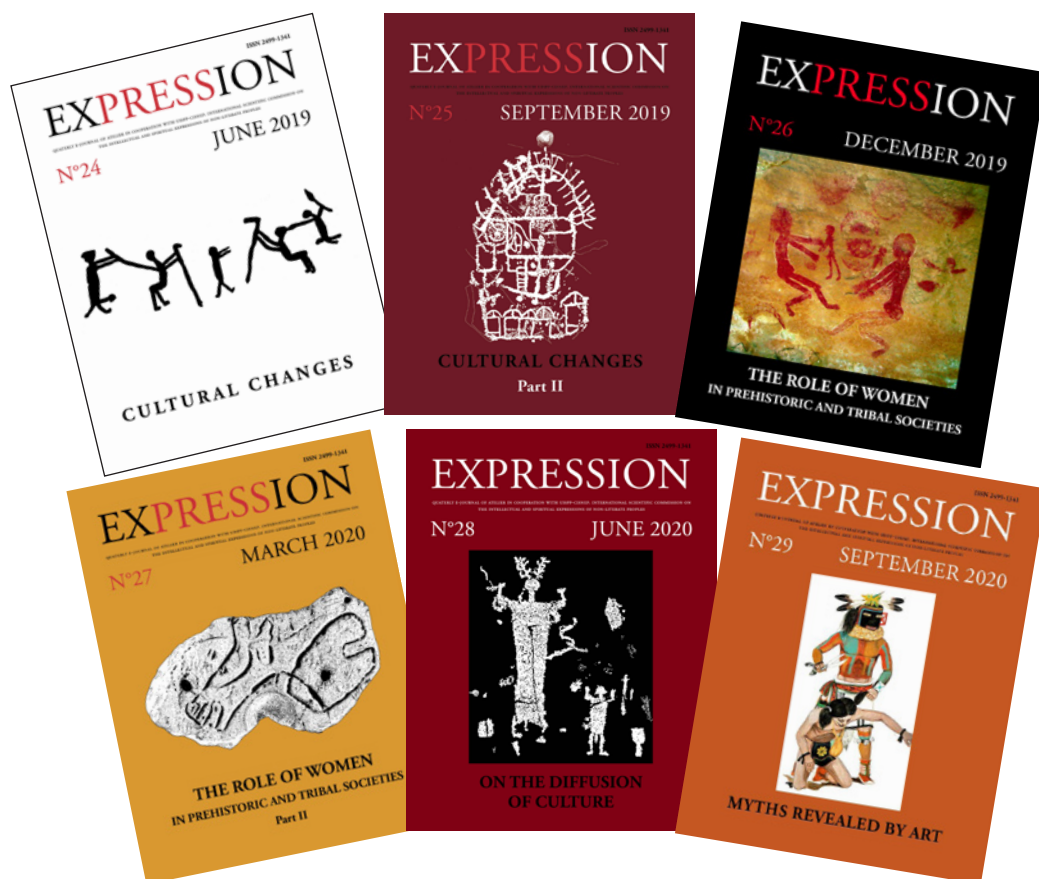
This work of the author's youth reflects a biting social commentary that after half a century seems to have not lost its charge. It was written in the 60s of the last century, in the climate of postwar youth revolt. It was published for the first time in 1979 in a bi-monthly magazine. It now comes out in a revised edition.



The Court Sages enter, in row, with synchopatic rhythm: first, second, third Wise and Secretary (drawing by Bruna Poetini).

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