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THE NATURE OF THE MOUNTAIN

The "nature" of the mountain is explored in this volume from different points of view. Grouping together geographers, historians, archaeologists and naturalists has generated a collection of essays organized into three parts: methodological discussions, research as teaching, a choice of sites of historical and environmental interest of the Ligurian and eastern areas of the Piedmont plain. Meetings and clashes emerge as frameworks for research and teaching activities of groups of students belonging to the University of Genoa, Eastern Piedmont, Nottingham and Toulouse. For years, the practice of research has been proposed as a didactic moment experimenting with different disciplinary approaches, tools and methods of local history and historical ecology. This is the same intellectual path shared by Giuseppina Poggi, with her naturalist biography interested in the historical dimension of environmental research, that has helped to establish them. New proposals for an archeology of environmental resources, of a micro-region, a history of the vegeta-

tion of the settlement, all meet in an unprecedented way. Also unusual are the applicational aspects of the environmental planning activities related to SIC and protected provincial areas, parks and landscapes: another way of doing research that finds more space in European universities.

The curator

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