Visions and Voices and the USC Libraries have collaborated to create a series of resource guides that allow you to build on your experiences at many Visions and Voices events. Explore the resources listed below and continue your journey of inquiry and discovery!

**Napoli! The System, the Camorra and the Pizza**

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*Napoli! The System, the Camorra and the Pizza: Breaking the Stereotypes* is a series of film screenings and panel discussions organized by the **USC SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS**. The events explore the dynamic and contradictory visions of Naples, known for its pizza, organized crime, and cultural sophistication. The series uses Roberto Saviano's true-crime novel *Gomorrah*—and the film adaptation by Matteo Garrone—as a point of departure for thinking about the cinematic representations of Neapolitan crime, culture, and cuisine. In cooperation with **ALESSANDRO AGO** of the USC School of Cinematic Arts, **ROSS SCIMECA** of the **USC LIBRARIES** has selected the following resources to help you explore the history and meaning of Naples in the Italian imagination.

**About Naples**

Naples is the third largest city in Italy. Famous for its picturesque views of hills, gardens, and funiculars, the city opens onto the Bay of Naples. It is just six miles west of Mount Vesuvius, the active volcano that buried the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 AD. Starting in Roman times, the city attracted artists, musicians, and writers from throughout Europe. Virgil, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Giambattista Vico, and Benedetto Croce all lived there. Founded in 1224 by the Holy Roman Emperor Friedrich II, the University of Naples is one of the oldest in Europe. During the Renaissance, Naples was home to the writers Boccaccio and Petrarch, along with the artist Giotto. Later, during the baroque period, the artists Caravaggio and Bernini called Naples home, along with the philosophers Bernardino Telesio, Giordano Bruno, and Tommaso Campanella. The San Carlo Opera, founded in 1737, is second only to La Scala in Milan in its historical importance. Neapolitan folk music is known all over the world because of such singers as Enrico Caruso and Luciano Pavarotti. And, of course, Neapolitan food is loved and consumed almost everywhere. In his *Italian Journeys*, Goethe writes: “I want to study in Rome, but live in Naples.” The following books trace the history and culture of Naples from the classical age through the unification of Italy in the mid-19th century:

**History of Naples**

*Between Salt Water and Holy Water: A History of Southern Italy*

By Tommaso Astarita

W.W. Norton, 2005

**Doheny and Leavey Libraries D 8 2 6 . A 7 8  2005**

*History of the Kingdom of Naples*

By Benedetto Croce

University of Chicago Press, 1970

**Doheny Library D 8 4 6 . C 7 1 3  1970**

*Charles I of Anjou: Power, Kingship and State-Making in Thirteenth-Century Europe*

By Jean Dunbabin

Longman, 1998

**Doheny Library D 9 4 7 . 2 . D 8 6  1998**

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The Most Monstrous of Wars: The Napoleonic Guerrilla War in Southern Italy, 1806–1811
By Milton Finley
University of South Carolina Press, 1994
Doheny Library DG975.C16F54 1994

Antiquity Renewed: The Legacy of Pompeii and Herculaneum
By Victoria C. Gardner Coates
J. Paul Getty Museum, 2007
Doheny Library DG70.P7A73 2007

The Age of Robert Guiscard: Southern Italy and the Norman Conquest
By G.A. Loud
Longman, 2000
Doheny Library DG867.215.R64L68 2000

Cavour and Garibaldi, 1860: A Study in Political Conflict
By Denis Mark Smith
Cambridge University Press, 1985
Doheny Library DG554.M3 1985

Vico’s Cultural History: The Production and Transmission of Ideas in Naples, 1685–1750
By Harold Samuel Stone
Brill, 1997
Philosophy Library DG848.15.S76 1997

Books and Films about the Camorra

The Camorra
By Tom Behan
Routledge, 1996
Doheny Library HV8463.I8B44

Sacred Silence
By Antonio Capuano
Picture This! HomeVideo, 2000
Leavey Library Coming Soon

Gomorrah
By Roberto Saviano; translated by Virginia Jewiss
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007
Doheny Library HV6453.I83C42 2007