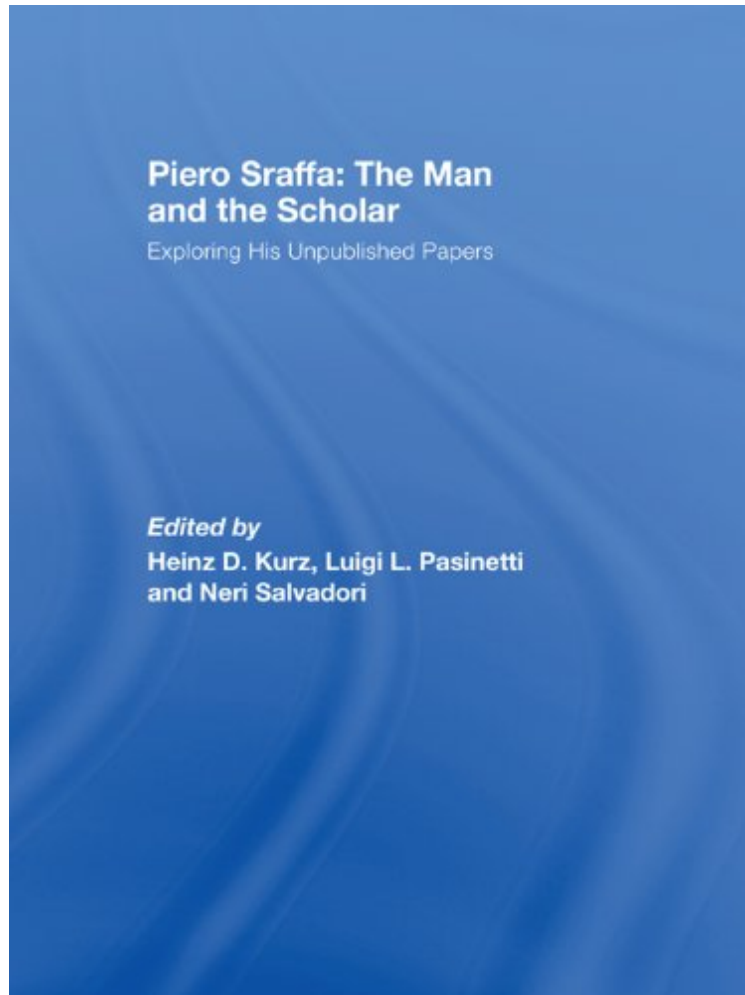


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Previously published as special issues of *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* and *The Review of Political Economy*, this volume contains the papers devoted to the life and work of Piero Sraffa. Sraffa was a leading intellectual of the twentieth century. He was brought to Cambridge by John Maynard Keynes and had an important impact on the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein. He received the golden medal Souml;derstrouml;m of the Swedish Academy of Sciences for his edition of David Ricardo's *Works and Correspondence* and he is the author of *Production of Commodities by Means of Commodities*, one of the most often cited book in economics. Using hitherto unpublished material from Sraffa's literary heritage kept at Trinity College, Cambridge, the papers throw new light on the intellectual development of the young Sraffa and correct several of the received views on him and his contribution. Themes covered concern his:objectivismrediscovery and reformulation of the classical theory of value and distributioncriticism of Alfred Marshall's analysisrelationship with his Cambridge colleagues and friendsbiography around the time when he left Italy for the UKfriendship with Wittgenstein and his impact on the latter's thinking.

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