

Review of: "Foucault 40 years later – an intimate history"

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The article by Pietro Barbetta seizes the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of Foucault's death to provide a testimony that is all the more important as it is situated within the author's own experience and intellectual journey. In doing so, it offers a novel perspective on Foucault's work and figure, as well as an example of the possibilities for the "disassociation, reuse, and reintegration" of his ideas into different contexts, issues and life horizons. For this reason, I do not consider it necessary to delve into the specifics of Barbetta's interpretation of Foucault's work – the author certainly doesn't hide its personal nature, and its value is precisely to be found in this fact - even if certain aspects of Barbetta's interpretation, such as Foucault's proximity to psychoanalysis or to the analyses of Deleuze & Guattari (a proximity that is clearly heightened in Barbetta's writing, which is noticeably more influenced by them than by Foucault), are, in my opinion, at the very least debatable. Nevertheless, I find Sforzini's suggestions to be highly valid and accurate. The article would undoubtedly benefit from the addition of further contextual elements capable of deepening its testimonial value.