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Carlo Levi, Cristo si è fermato a Eboli, Einaudi, 1945.
«As in a journey to the beginning of time, Christ stopped at Eboli recounts the discovery of a different civilisation. It is that of the peasants of the Mezzogiorno: outside History and progressive Reason, ancient wisdom and patient pain ».














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excavandi exhibition
"Can a thousand-year-old hypogeal environment provide us with information on how to build the cities of the future, or even how to face life on another planet? A journey of initiation disseminated amongst the cave dwellings, the international exhibition ranges from the Palaeolithic to present day, investigating for the first time the art and the excavation practices that gave rise to hypogeal landscapes, architectures and civilisations over the centuries. From the city of Matera to the most important rock ecosystems in the world and from the first excavation to the model for the bio-architecture of the future. Like in a space-time (...), visitors will discover the secrets of the underground world thanks to multimedia tables and experiences in an augmented and multi-sensory reality that will allow us to build a link between past and present"










## Conclusions

What can classical anthropological categories like honour and shame can tell us about these symbolic productions?

How did local communities appropriate them
at the interface with their territorial identities?
How do they modify and provoke an evolution in what is considered as an acceptable way of life or place for living in such moments of crossing and transformation?

How do they negotiate the meaning of these words from an emic point of view, compared to an external universalistic gaze?

## Thank you!

