# ABOUT ALDO SCHIAVONE

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For almost 30 years he was a columnist for "La Repubblica," the most popular Italian newspaper.

#### Among his most recent publications:

- La storia spezzata. Roma antica e occidente moderno, Roma-Bari, Laterza, 1996. English translation: The End of the Past: Ancient Rome and the Modern West, Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 2000, reprinted 2002. French translation: L'Histoire brisée, la Rome antique et l'Occident moderne, Paris, Belin, 2003; reprint 2009. Portuguese translation: Uma historia rompida. São Paulo, São Paulo University Press, 2005.
- Italiani senza Italia, Torino, Einaudi, 1998;
- I conti del Comunismo, Torino, Einaudi, 1999;
- Ius. L'invenzione del diritto in Occidente, Torino, Einaudi, 2005, Turin, Einaudi, 2005. French translation: Ius. L'invention du droit en Occident, Paris, Belin, 2009. American translation: The Invention of Law in the West, Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 2012. Spanish translation: IUS: La Invención Del Derecho En Occidente, Adriana Hidalgo Editoria, Buenos Aires, 2011.
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- L'Italia contesa, Roma-Bari, Laterza, 2010;
- Spartaco. Le armi e l'uomo, Torino, Einaudi, 2011; English translation: Spartacus, Cambridge, Mass., Harvard Unviersity Press, 2013;
- Pensare l'Italia, con Ernesto Galli della Loggia, Torino, Einaudi, 2011;
- Non ti delego. Perché gli Italiani non credono più nella loro politica, Milano, Rizzoli, 2013.

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