



## Press release

On 17 March 2025 at 17.00, the book 'Agro Punjab' by Francesca Cicculi and Stefania Prandi will be presented at the Provincial Library of Matera 'T. Stigliani', Piazza Vittorio Veneto.

This book, published by Nottetempo, is the result of an investigation carried out over the course of a whole year between the Punjab and the 'Agro Punjab' that is now the province of Latina. In this area, so close to the Italian capital, thousands of Sikh workers harvest kiwis and are victims of violence and intimidation and deprived of union protections, most of them have irregular contracts and work without rest shifts, sometimes even fourteen to sixteen hours a day, for miserable wages.

Moreover, these workers are constantly at risk of injury: as the case of Satnam Singh, a Sikh labourer who died in June 2024, showed in the cruellest and most vicious manner.

The presentation, which will be attended by the author Stefania Prandi, will begin with an introduction by Valerio Giambersio of the City of Peace Foundation and will include speeches by Maria Rosaria Deufemia - CGIL migrants' office, Serena Vigoriti - immigration area coordination of the Cooperative "il Sicomoro" and Giuseppe De Ruggieri - Professor Liceo Scientifico "Dante Alighieri" Matera.

Stefania Prandi will also participate during the morning of the 17th in a meeting with the pupils of the Liceo Scientifico 'Dante Alighieri' in Matera who have set up, studied and visited her photographic exhibition 'Oro Verde' The bitter taste of Kiwi, which is the visual documentation of the survey, at their institute. This meeting will conclude the activities of the PCTO programme that the City of Peace Foundation has prepared under the theme 'Sustainability from an environmental, social and economic point of view' on the occasion of the week of action against racism 'At School for Peace'.

The event, which will also be attended by guests of the SAI project of the Municipality of Matera, is part of the integration activities promoted by the project managed by the Social Cooperative il Sicomoro.

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