power and total investments. The consistency of these classes is then verified by the analysis of some socio-economic features of the same firms and a special significance is given to the different uses of financial aids. At last relations of local industry with the market system are analyzed, elaborating a typology of market functions and verifying some of the typical influences which central dominance excercises upon the marginal economic functions. In conclusion, the hypothesis of a scale of marginality within the province — where the attempted development in a restricted area provoked new imbalances — is verified.

The third part of the book is dedicated to the socio-cultural aspects of entrepreneurship (sociological characteristics of the entrepreneurs, entrepreneural culture), and particular reference is made to the interaction between entrepreneurship and politics, emerging as a basic question in

comprehending the margining process.

The conclusions are expressed by the concept of « organization of marginality », which specifies how exogenous and endogenous, economic and political factors concur to create a situation in which an economic and political class organizes the material and human resources, not so much toward actual objectives of development, but as a function of the preservation of their own power; in such a way the objective result of a subordinated integration of the local economy into the central development is reached.