

The Library



Reading room

The Foundation has carefully conserved and valorized its archival and library resources, which over the years have grown from the original donation made by Luigi Einaudi, and has consistently ensured that this legacy be made available to the public. Einaudi assembled an extraordinary collection of rare books on political philosophy, history, and especially economics. Today this library is unrivalled in Italy and few libraries elsewhere in the world have a comparably complete collection of rare volumes on topics fundamental to economic thought.

The Einaudi collection of works on physiocracy is particularly rich: only in France are there comparably extensive ones. Another area of excellence is the collection of works by the classical school of economists: there are both a first edition of *Political Discourses* by David Hume (1752) and the legendary rarity *Essai sur la Nature du Commerce en Général* by Richard