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in those decades.

A second part is concerned with philosophical, analytical or theoretical aspects of improvisation, within and beyond the experience of GINC: musical improvisation as a form of interpersonal relationship, new ways of subjectivity, empathic intentions inside and outside European culture, new paradigms of musical practice (such as Sbordoni's idea of 'composing in dialogue'), renewed questions about the relationship between composition and improvisation in other levels of the musical world from the 1960s to the current practices. A final section of the book focuses on two important experiences in improvisation: the GINC, of course, and Giacinto Scelsi considered as an improviser (a very delicate subject), with presentation, analysis and discussion of new sources and transcriptions.

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