

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910476910503321
Titolo	Narratives and Comparisons : Adversaries or Allies in Understanding Science? / Martin Carrier, Rebecca Mertens, Carsten Reinhardt
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Bielefeld, : Bielefeld University Press, 2021
ISBN	9783839454152 3839454158
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (206 p.)
Collana	BiUP General
Disciplina	401.41
Soggetti	Comparison Narrative Explanation History of Science History of Art Science Philosophy of Science Sociology of Science Literary Studies Bielefeld University Press
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter 1 Contents 5 Introduction 7 Does Narrative Matter? 29 Historical Narrative versus Comparative Description? 63 On the Narrative Order of Experimentation 85 The Flower People of Shanidar 99 Narrating and Comparing in the Organization of Research Projects 123 Seeing, Comparing, Narrating 145 Narrating Art History 175 Authors 203
Sommario/riassunto	As a powerful tool in the production of knowledge, comparing plays a crucial part in the sciences and the humanities. This volume explores the relationship between comparing and narrating in epistemic practices and clarifies the ways in which narratives enable or impede practices of comparing. It takes into account related activities, such as measuring and classifying, modeling, establishing norms and

categories, as well as organizing and popularizing knowledge, to analyze the ambivalent relationship between narratives, scientific explanation, and understanding. The contributions bring out the epistemic role of narratives, and elucidate how narratives are connected to comparisons and scientific explanations.
