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For their biographical paper, "Fabio Besta: accounting thinker and accounting history pioneer", focused on Fabio Besta, the so-called "unsurpassed Master" of the Italian tradition. The group portrays Fabio Besta as both a brilliant accounting thinker and an accounting history pioneer as revealed in his publication of a monumental milestone in accounting history called "La Ragioneria".

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