Concluding Thoughts
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Chapter 8 provides a review of the many topics covered throughout the book and emphasizes how, notwithstanding some minor transformations, the organization of eldercare in Italy continues to rely heavily on the presence of im/migrant women workers. This presence is crucial not only for Italian families that without im/migrant women would be crushed by the growing demands of care placed upon them but also for the Italian welfare state that due to the work of these women is able to manage the current eldercare crisis without addressing the changes that have occurred and are occurring in Italian society. Instead of addressing the growing need of the Italian elders and their families with an appropriate discussion of the role of the welfare state and the restructuring of its services, the Italian state utilizes contradictory immigration policies to provide a market solution to the current eldercare crisis.