

**Italy's Decade of War:
1935-45 in International Perspective
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#ItalyDecadeWar



**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI
FEDERICO II**



Tuesday 6 September 2016

Registration on Level 5, Graham Hills Building from 9.15 am

All parallel sessions and lectures will take place on Level 5, Graham Hills Building, University of Strathclyde

9.45am – Introduction and welcome to the conference – Marco Maria Aterrano and Karine Varley

10-11.30 am PARALLEL SESSIONS I

Panel A Room 513	Panel B Room 510	Panel C Room 511	Panel D Room 512
Wartime Italy between the Allies and Nazi Germany	Through Minorities' Eyes: Representations of the Italian War in Abyssinia	Military Discourses	Cultural Representations of Italian Wars
Roderick Bailey (Oxford), 'Clandestine allied support to anti-Fascist Resistance movements in Italy, 1940-3'	Markus Wurzer (Graz), 'On Safari: Visual and Textual Representations of the 1935-36 Abyssinian War of Italy's German-Speaking Minority'	Fabio De Ninno (Fondazione Filippo Burzio), 'Italian Navalism in the Age of Empire. Radicalization, Propaganda and Geopolitics, 1934-40'	Judith Pabian, (Australian National University), 'Memories and Representations: Everyday Politics in Rural Tuscany, 1943-45'
David Ellwood (Bologna) 'When Italy "Changed Sides": The Many Meanings of Cobelligerency'	Caroline Merithew (Dayton), 'Women in War and Peace: Anti-Fascism and Ethiopian Independence'	Jacopo Pili (Leeds), 'Allies and Enemies of Fascism in the Reports of the Military Attachés'	David Laven (Nottingham), 'American Perspectives: Invasion and Liberation of Italy through the Eyes of US Witnesses'
Michael Wedekind (Vienna), 'Clashing Allies: From Borderland Conflicts to Nazi Annexation Policy in Northern Italy'		Ugo Pavan Della Torre, 'Italy's Decade of War in the Representation of the Italian National Association of Disabled Ex-Servicemen (ANMIG)'	Gianluca Fantoni, (Nottingham Trent), 'Representations of Italy's Fascist War in the 1950s Italian War Films'

11.30am-12pm Coffee

12pm – 1.30 pm **KEYNOTE LECTURE: Room 514 Graham Hills Building.**
Professor Nicola Labanca

1.30 -2.30pm LUNCH – Level 5, Graham Hills Building

2.30 - 4 pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS II

Panel A Room 513	Panel B Room 510	Panel C Room 511	Panel D Room 512
Italy and France	Italian Campaigns in Africa	War on Islands and Territories	RSI's Diplomatic activity abroad
Karine Varley (Strathclyde) 'The Role of Ideology in French Relations with Italy, 1940-42'	Andrew Holt, (The National Archives), 'Italy's Invasion of Abyssinia. The British Response'	Hazal Papucular (Central European University), 'Small Islands, Major Consequences. Italy in the Aegean Sea'	Pablo del Hierro (Maastricht), 'The RSI and its relations with neutral countries. The example of Spain (1943-1945)'
Emanuele Sica (Royal Military College of Canada), 'Collaboration and Collaborationism in the Italian Occupation Zone, 1940-43'	Patrick Bernhard (Potsdam), 'In the Shadow of El Alamein: War Violence during the North African Campaign'	Jonathan Best (Queen's University Belfast), 'Italian clandestine operations against Gibraltar in the Second World War'	Andrea Ungari (Marconi University/LUISS), 'The Relationship Between the RSI and Spain, 1943-45'
Luca Fenoglio (Edinburgh), 'What New Order? Fascist Italy's Imperial Goals and Jewish Policy in South-Eastern France, 1942-43'	Andrew Stewart (King's College, London), "'The Despicable Fighting Qualities of the Wops": The East Africa Campaign and the British Empire's Triumph over Italy'	Alberto Monteverde (Parco Geominerario Storico Ambientale della Sardegna), 'The 8 th September in Sardinia'	Federico Ciavattone (Pisa), "'A New Fascist Order". Total War and Diplomatic Activity of the Italian Social Republic at Home and Abroad, 1943-45'

4 pm -4.30pm

Tea

Panel A Room 513	Panel B Room 510	Panel C Room 511	Panel D Room 512
Cold War/Hot War: The United States and Italy, 1943–1948	Radio Propaganda	Bringing the War to an End	Experiences of Italian Prisoners during World War Two
Marco Maria Aterrano (Università degli Studi di Napoli ‘Federico II’), ‘The American Intervention in Italy and the Origins of the Cold War in the Mediterranean, 1943-5’	Ester Lo Biundo (Reading), ‘The BBC Italian Service and the anti-Axis Propaganda (1942-5)’	Giorgio Scotoni (Voronezh State Pedagogical University), ‘Operation Olive as the First Battle of Cold War: Testing Montemaggi's thesis on the Basis of Russian and Soviet Historical Literature’	Alex Henry (Nottingham), ‘The Brava Gente Caught on Tape’: Listening to the Captured Italian Soldiers in Britain during the Second World War’
Andrew Buchanan (Vermont), ‘The Occupying Gaze: Wartime Tourism and the Establishment of American Hegemony’	Arturo Marzano (Pisa), ‘Radio Propaganda During the War: The Mediterranean Scenario in Radio Bari (1940-43)’	Ilenia Rossini (Sapienza-Università di Roma), ‘The Allied Military Courts: A Case of Extraordinary Justice in Italy during the Allied Occupation’	Joseph John Viscomi (Michigan), ‘The Politics of Confinement: The Internment of Italian Civilians in Fayed (Egypt) during the Second World War, 1940-45’
Kaeten Mistry (UEA), ‘War Short of War: US Political Warfare in Italy, 1945-1948’	Francesca Cavarocchi, ‘Italian Fascism and the Radio Propaganda Abroad (1933-1942)’	Lisa Payne Ossian (Iowa State), ‘The Grimmet Spectre: The Emergency Famine of 1946’	

7 pm Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Provost of Glasgow – Glasgow City Chambers

8 pm-10 pm Conference Dinner – Glasgow City Chambers



Wednesday 7 September

9.00 – 10.30 am

PARALLEL SESSIONS IV

Panel A Room 513	Panel B Room 510	Panel C Room 511	Panel D Room 512
The Strategic Dimension of the Conflict in the Mediterranean	Violence and Occupation Policy in the Balkans	Foreign Relations	Italian Propaganda during the Fascist Wars
Serhat Guvencs (Kadir Has), 'Turkey's Strategic Response to Italian Revisionism in the Mediterranean, 1923-1939'	Valentina Villa (Università Cattolica, Milan), 'The Conquest of Albania: The real beginning of the Italian Second World War'	Silvia Zanlorenzi (Trieste), 'Ciano's speech in the aftermath of the Shanghai incident. Fascist Italy's Foreign Politics in East Asia: A view on global popularity and relevance'	Marla Stone, 'Latin Brothers in the Global Struggle Against Communism: The Collaborative Propaganda of Fascist Italy and Francoist Spain'
Erin O'Halloran, (St Antony's, Oxford), 'Italy's role in British-Egyptian relations, 1935-9'	Franziska Zaugg (University College Dublin), 'Italian Warfare in Albania: the Case of the Milizia Fascista Albanese'	Emre Saral (Hacettepe University, Ankara), 'Turkey and Hungary: Possible Allies for Italy in the Balkans'	Simone Duranti (Siena University - DISPOC), 'University fascist groups during the Fascist wars: Propagandists and Volunteers'
Richard Hammond (King's College, London), 'Italian Influences on British Imperial Defence and Grand Strategy, 1935-43: A Case Study of the Regia Marina'	Alberto Becherelli (Sapienza University of Rome), 'The Italian Policy Towards the Serbs in the Occupied Yugoslavia, 1941-43'	Alessandro Vagnini (Sapienza University of Rome), 'The Mediterranean on the Eve of the Second World War: The Hatay Question and Italy's Geopolitical Role'	Luca Mencacci (Marconi), 'Geopolitica, A Magazine to the Service of Fascist Expansionism'

10.30-10.50 am

Coffee

10.50 am – 12.20 pm **KEYNOTE: Room 514 Graham Hills Building**
Professor MacGregor Knox (LSE), ‘Dynamics and Determinants of National Catastrophe: Italy 1935-1945’

12.20-1.00 pm **LUNCH – Level 5, Graham Hills Building**

1.00pm–2.30pm **PARALLEL SESSIONS V**

Panel A Room 513	Panel B Room 510	Panel C Room 511	Panel D Room 512
Italian Campaign and Occupation in Greece	Fascist Militarism and Ideology	Beyond Banality: New Light on the Fascist Participation in the Spanish Civil War	Allied Military Operations in Italy during World War Two
Panagiotis Papadopoulos (Athens), ‘“A Reservation for Two, A Table for Three”: The Greek Capitulation and the Axis Crisis’	Jun Yung Moon (Royal Holloway, University of London), ‘Militarism and the Cult of Condottieri in Fascist Italy’	Nicolò Da Lio (Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale), ‘Military Censorship in a Fascist War: Regio Esercito Censorship of Corpo Truppe Volontarie Correspondence’	Roberto Sciarrone (Sapienza University of Rome), ‘“Smoking Cobra”: The Brazilian Expeditionary Force and the Allies during the Second World War’
Stelios Pericles Karavis, ‘The state of emergency and the emergence of Nazi-fascist features of violence in Italian-occupied Greece (August 1942-September 1943)’	Letterio Todaro (Catania), ‘With Old Virtues towards the Future: Discipline and Martial Figures in the Education of the Nation during the Autumn of the Fascism’	Giulia Medas ‘Women at War: The Italian Female Participation in the Spanish Civil War’	Joseph Quinn (Trinity College, Dublin), ‘“Not helped by the civilians shouting ‘Viva Inglese!’”: The experiences and cultural encounters of Irish volunteers serving with the British forces during the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, 1943-46’
Ioannis Nioutsikos (King’s College, London), ‘From Occupiers to Comrades in Arms: Italian Fighters in the Ranks of the Greek People’s Liberation Army’	Mirco Carrattieri (Insmli – Milan), ‘Historians on the (Battle)field, 1935-45’	Javier Rodrigo (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), ‘Daggers and Bombs: CTV, Violence and the Fascist Warfare’	Armando Donato, ‘Operation Husky. The Conquest of Messina and the end of the Allied Campaign in Sicily’

2.30pm-2.50pm

Tea

2.50pm-4.20 pm PARALLEL SESSIONS VI

Panel A Room 513	Panel B Room 510	Panel C Room 511	Panel D Room 512
Empire-Building in Croatia: Comparative Perspectives	The Relationship between the Italians and the Anglo-Americans, 1943-1945	Italy and the Jewish Question	The Lead-up to War, 1936-1940
Sanela Schmid (Humboldt University, Berlin), 'The Impact of the Concept of Empire on Italian and German Occupation Policies in Croatia, 1941-43'	Mario de Prosopo (University of Naples Federico II), "'Surrendered but Still Fighting": The Misunderstood Role of the Regio Esercito After the Armistice of 1943'	Anat Kutner (Yad Vashem), 'The Abyssinian Crisis and the Jews - a Comparative Look'	Richard Carswell (Independent), 'Glorious Ally, Ideological Friend or Unwelcome Intruder? Spanish Nationalist Perceptions of Italy, 1936-9'
Nicolas Virtue (King's University College at Western University), 'Testing the "Colonial Hypothesis": The Policies and Language of the Italian Army in Ethiopia and Croatia'	Cindy Brown (New Brunswick), 'Dangerous Liaisons: The Role of the Maritime Unit in the Battles for the Gothic Line and Beyond, 1944-45'	Matteo Quadrioglio (Haifa), 'A Triangle of Interest: Fascism, Revisionist-Zionism, and the Palestinian National Movement, 1934-39'	Petra Hamerli (Pécs), 'The Appearance of the Italian Fascism's Ideology and Militarism in the Hungarian Press, 1935-41'
Giuseppe Motta (Sapienza University of Rome), 'War, Fascism and Italianization. The Fascist Rule in Croatian Lands, 1941-43'	Lee Windsor (New Brunswick), 'The Great Deception: Canada and the Allied Offensive in Italy, August-December 1944'	Lior Inbar (Haifa), 'The Zionist Movement and Italy, 1943-45: Images of an Enemy'	Adam Richardson (Leeds), 'British Foreign Office and Italian Non-Belligerence, 1939-40'