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Fascist Italy's Mediterranean Empire: from concepts to practices

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Programme of the international online workshop

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26 May – The concepts of the Fascist Empire

9am: Welcome and Opening remarks

9:15am-10:30am *Keynote lecture*

Paolo Fonzi (University of Eastern Piedmont), *Beyond the borders. Italian occupation policies during the Second World War*

Remarks by Davide Rodogno (Geneva Graduate Institute)

11am-12:30am *The global impact of Fascist Italy's Empire*

Fernando Esposito (University of Konstanz) and Patrick Bernhard (University of Oslo), *Mussolini's Mediterranean: The Fascist Dream of Empire and its International Impact*

Zaib un Nisa Aziz (Yale University), *Fascist Imperialism/Imperialist Fascism: The Italo-Abyssinian Crisis, the Right to Sovereignty and the Outlawing of Empire*

1:30pm-3:30pm *Imaginaries and perceptions of the Fascist Empire*

Martin Kristoffer Hamre (Free University Berlin), *The Montreux Front and the Abyssinian Crisis: Debating Peace and Imperialism in the mid-1930s*

Rastko Lompar (Institute for Balkan Studies, Belgrade), *Fascist Anti-Fascists? How the Fascist Quest for the Mediterranean Empire Influenced the Self-Understanding of the Integral Yugoslav Right Wing*

Emanuele Ertola (University of Pavia), *Unlike any other Empire. Fascist claim to uniqueness in a transnational perspective*

Claudio Fogu (UC Santa Barbara), *Fascist Mediterraneanism*

3:30pm-4:30pm Breakout room discussion

27 May – The practices of the Fascist Empire

10am-12noon *The material realities of the Empire*

Luca Castiglioni (ISIG-FBK), *A New Order for the Levant? The case of the Italian Dodecanese (1912-1945)*

Gabriele Bassi (University of Siena), *Continuity and discontinuity in Italian politics overseas: theory and use of violence as an instrument of seizing and maintaining power*

Filippo Petrucci (University of Cagliari), *A pivotal element of the Italian community in Tunisia: Italian Jews in Tunisia*

1pm-3:30pm Parallel sessions

Session 1: Imperial education and culture

Lewis Driver (EUI), *Una Coscienza Coloniale: Youth, gender, and the Fascist Colonial Institute of Bologna*

Beatrice Falcucci (University of Florence), *Creare una patria per le popolazioni locali: Museums in Fascist Italy's Libya*

Gaia Delpino, Rosa Anna Di Lella, Claudio Mancuso (Museo delle Civiltà of Rome), *The former Museo di Roma: A museographic Fascist attempt to build imperial colonisers*

Caterina Scalvedi (University of Illinois, Chicago), *From decentered laboratory to 'authoritarian harmonization': Fascist Italy's education policy in Africa Orientale Italiana (1938-1943)*

Session 2: The economics of empire

Pablo del Hierro (University of Maastricht), *Mussolini's bid for Empire in the Mediterranean, 1936-43. A political economy approach to understand Fascist Italy's foreign policy towards Spain*

Robert Corban (Columbia University), *A New Agrarian Order: Agronomy and Autonomy in Mussolini's Mediterranean, 1935 – 1945*

G. Bruce Strang (Brandon University), *Italian Economic Penetration, Aid Diplomacy, and Arms Sales in Yemen: The Società Anonima Navigazione Eritrea and Italian Colonial Policy, 1931-1939*

Diana Garvin (University of Oregon), *Agronomy as Biopolitical Control: Farming in Africa Orientale Italiana*

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