

Historians' Journeys:

Tales of Search and Research in the Understanding of Fascism

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Mt. Scopus Campus, Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Room 405

Online Participation via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/historiansj>

100 Years after the March of Rome on October 28, 1922 the scope of this international symposium is twofold. On one side, it will focus on the analysis of fascism in its historical manifestations. On the other, it will highlight the specific combination of biographical and academic perspectives that sparked each scholar's insights into the nature and dynamics of this powerful ideology and the human cost of its project of a utopic "new order". Themes under discussion will include the question of the definition of Fascism, the idea of irrevocable power, the unconditional subordination of the individual, the pervasiveness of violence, the social and political repression of targeted groups, and the fashioning of a secular liturgy in public and private spaces.

Sunday, December 4

17:30 Greetings

Nissim Otmazgin | Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Manuela Consonni | SICSA's Director, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Natalia Indrimi | Director of The Primo Levi Center, New York

17:45 Chair: Manuela Consonni | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Francesco Cassata | The University of Genoa
Forging the Fascist "New Man": Reflections At the Crossroad Between History of Science and History of Fascism
Discussant: Shai Lavi | The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; Tel Aviv University

19:00 Reception

Monday, December 5

9:30 Chair: Noah Benninga | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, SICSA

Lorenzo Benadusi | Sapienza Università di Roma
'In Italy All Are Males': Fascism and Homosexuality: An Indecent Speech
Discussant: Iris Rachamimov | Tel Aviv University

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 Chair: Victor Taranto | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Roger Griffin | Oxford Brookes University
'Nei panni del Duce': The Role of Methodological Empathy in "Understanding Fascism"

11:45 Chair: Batsheva Neuer | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, SICSA

Marla Stone | Occidental College; American Academy in Rome
Fascism From Culture to Ideology, From Patronage to Enemies
Discussant: Uri S. Cohen | Tel Aviv University

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Chair: Simon Unger-Alvi | German Historical Institute in Rome; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Aristotle Kallis | Keele University
The Banality of Fascism: Reflection on the Dynamics of Fascist Circulation in the Interwar
Discussant: Ofer Ashkenazi | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

15:30 Chair: Sergio Della Pergola | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Silvana Patriarca | Fordham University, New York
How I Came to Study Fascism and Some Reflections on Post-Fascism

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Film Screening at Bloomfield Library's Media Department, Room 32

Natalia Indrimi and Alessandro Cassin | The Primo Levi Center, New York
Investigation of a Citizen Above Suspicion 1970 (Un Cittadino al di sopra di ogni sospetto, Italy, 1970, Directed by Elio Petri)

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 Chair: Matteo D'Avanzo | Scuola normale di Pisa; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Yemane Demissie | New York University
Modernity, War & Transformation in Emperor Haile Selassie's Ethiopia
Discussant: Leonardo Cohen | Ben Gurion University of the Negev

10:30 Chair: Gustavo Guzmán | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, SICSA

Xosé M. Núñez Seixas | Santiago de Compostela University
Fascism Seen From Nationalism Studies: On Interactions, Perplexities and Misconceptions
Discussant: Silvina Schammah Gesser | Bar Ilan University; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Chair: Amos Goldberg | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Davide Rodogno | Graduate Institute of International Studies; University of Geneva
Fascist Italy Military Occupations in Europe 1940-1943. A Reflection
Discussant: Renana Keydar | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Chair: Gal Ron | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, SICSA

Toshio Myake | Ca' Foscari University of Venice
The Yellow Whiteness of the 'Japanese Race' in Fascist Italy: Fascisticizing Italy-Japan Relations From the Past to the Present
Discussant: Nissim Otmazgin | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

15:30 Chair: Karma Ben Johanan | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nina Valbousquet | Ecole Française de Rome
Two Faiths: The Catholic Church and Fascism. A Research Trajectory on Antisemitism, Anti-Modernism, and Internationalism

Discussant: Martina Weisz | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, SICSA

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Chair: Michael Karayanni | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nadia Urbinati | Columbia University
"But Who are They?" Fascism after the Fascist Regime

18:00 Open Discussion: Utopia and Dystopia in National Political Projects

19:00 Dinner