



Corso di dottorato in Scienze Giuridiche Curriculum in Storia e teoria del diritto  
Corso di dottorato in Human Sciences  
Curriculum in History, Politics and Institutions of the Mediterranean Area

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*Seminar*

## Italian Fascism: A Thematic History

(15 Hours)

*This legal history course is designed to provide students in law, political science, sociology, and cultural studies with a multi-disciplinary thematic historiographical overview of the history of Italian Fascism. This course will provide a critical and comprehensive overview of the origins of Fascism, the movement's coming to power, and the eventual establishment of the first "totalitarian state" of the modern era. Considerable effort will also be made to survey the nature and doctrines of Fascism, as well as its workings, in order to understand and measure its revolutionary influence on other fascist authoritarian movements that emerged in the period between the two World Wars. Taken together, the lectures, and the instructor-led class discussions will attempt to gauge the extent to which historians of the post-Fascist eras attempted to construct and advance interpretations designed to meet the needs of a devastated and defeated society embarking on a path of rebirth and renewal.*

### **Monday 16 October 2017**

h. 5-8 p.m / aula 9 Department of Law

#### **Session I**

#### **Benito Mussolini and Italian Fascism: Preliminary Thoughts**

*Lecture 1 / Fascism: A Search for Definition & Interpretation*

*Lecture 2 / Mussolini and the Rise of Italian Fascism*

*Lecture 3 / The Organization of Totalitarian Power: Regime Building & the Alternate Modernity*

### **Monday 23 October 2017**

h. 5-8 p.m. / aula 9 Department of Law

#### **Session II**

#### **Fascism as Developmental Dictatorship and Secular Religion**

*Lecture 4 / Mass Politics and Conformism: The Orchestration of Consensus*

*Lecture 5 / Revolutionary Myths and the Cult of Personality*

*Lecture 6 / The Poverty of Culturalism*

### **Monday 30 October 2017**

h. 5-8 p.m. / aula 9 Department of Law

#### **Session III**

#### **Italian Fascism and German National Socialism: Paradigmatic Considerations**

*Lecture 7 / Fascist Italy and National Socialist Germany in Comparative Historical Perspective*

*Lecture 8 / Fascist Racism: Ideological Compromise and Doctrinal Tragedy*

*Lecture 9 / Palingentic Ultra-Nationalism as Discourse and Politics*

### **Monday 6 November 2017**

h. 5-8 p.m. / aula 9 Department of Law

#### **Session IV**

#### **Mussolini and Hitler: The Brutal Friendship and the Road to the Apocalypse**

*Lecture 10 / Fascism and Total War*

*Lecture 11 / Fascism, Antisemitism, and the Holocaust*

*Lecture 12 / Anti-Fascist Resistance*

### **Tuesday 14 November 2017**

h. 5-8 p.m. / aula 9 Department of Law

#### **Session V**

#### **Representations of Fascism in Republican Italy**

*Lecture 13 / Constructing Memory and Anti-Memory During the Years of Defascistization*

*Lecture 14 / Representations of Fascism and the Resistance*

*Lecture 15 / The Legacy of Historic Fascism in the Contemporary Political World*

Students attending this Seminar shall be granted 3 credits ECTS (CFU)  
Final exam will consist in writing a short paper (in English or in Italian).

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