



CONFERENCE

GLOBAL HISTORY FROM THE SOUTH ITALIAN AND IBERIAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

26-27 October 2018, European University Institute (Florence, Italy)

Despite recent developments, the booming fields of global history and international history are still structured by binary lines such as success and failure, modernity and backwardness, and centre and periphery. Supposedly ‘failed’, ‘backward’, and ‘peripheral’ nation-states of the European South (Italy, Spain, and Portugal) continue to be measured against the supposedly ‘successful’, ‘modern’, and ‘central’ benchmark of the European North (especially Britain, Germany, and France). In addition to perpetuating particularly Eurocentric and teleological narratives, this binary has often created the idea that Italian and Iberian perspectives are disturbing anomalies. Could they not be seen, instead, as productive analytical tools?

This conference aims to discuss the hypothesis that the history of the world in the 19th and 20th centuries could be told quite differently if historians looked at it through ‘Latin’ lenses, and by exploring alternative paradigms and methodologies. We would like to encourage dialogue between Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese paradigms, for example posing ‘Italian’ research questions to ‘Iberian’ objects of study, and vice-versa. We seek also to break down the boundaries stemming from national and area studies. Above all, this conference aims to advance Italian and Iberian perspectives as fundamental pieces of our understanding of the historical construction of today’s world.

PROGRAMME

Friday 26 October. Villa Malafrasca – Seminar Room

10.00 – 11.00, Keynote Lecture

Chair: Xavier Andreu Miralles

Maurizio Isabella (Queen Mary University of London): ‘Southern Europe in the Age of Revolutions: the 1820s as a global territorial crisis’

11.00 – 12.30, Session 1: Romanticism, Religion and Gender

Chair: Matilda Greig

Mónica Burguera (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia): ‘Romanticism, gender and nation in the (transnational) origins of liberal feminism in Spain: a view from the South’

Xavier Andreu Miralles (Universitat de València): ‘Mediterranean (faulty) men: nation, masculinities, and the challenge of “modernity” in the Age of Revolutions’

12.30 – 14.00, LUNCH

14.00 – 16.00, Session 2: The Spanish ‘World’

Chair: Verónica Royo Romanillos

Pol Dalmau (Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte) and Jorge Luengo (Universitat Pompeu Fabra): ‘Writing Spanish history in the global age: connections and entanglements in the nineteenth century’

Albert Garcia-Balaña (Universitat Pompeu Fabra): ‘Democracy and colonial imagination in mid-19th-century Spanish radicalism: transatlantic meanings and sources of Fernando Garrido’s “Raza Ibérica”’

Gaël Sánchez Cano (European University Institute): ‘El “mito monroico” a debate: hispanoamericanismo y panamericanismo en el orden mundial de los años 1920’

16.00 – 16.30, COFFEE

16.30 – 18.30, Session 3: Networks and Business

Chair: Grazia Sciacchitano

Juan Pan Montojo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): ‘Foreign debt and political projects in the Mediterranean and Latin American countries in the age of revolutions, 1820-1848’

Maria Stella Chiaruttini (European University Institute): ‘Hapless victims or regional champions? Rethinking the role of Southern business elites in Risorgimento Italy beyond nationalist rhetoric and self-crafted narratives’

Ludger Mees (Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea): ‘The nineteenth-century wine revolution in Spanish Rioja: a case study on transnational stimulus, regional self-government and modernization on the European periphery’

19.30, CONFERENCE DINNER - *restricted to speakers*

Saturday 27 October. Badia Fiesolana – Sala del Capitolo

9.00 – 10.30, Session 4: The Atlantic Revolutions (1)

Chair: Pieter Judson

Stephen Jacobson (Universitat Pompeu Fabra): ‘Democratic political culture in the Atlantic world: European volunteers and legionnaires in Buenos Aires during the 1850s’

Ignacio García de Paso (European University Institute): “‘A blaze of sympathising excitement’”: New Orleans and the 1848 aftermath in the Hispanic world’

10.30 – 11.00, COFFEE

11.00 – 13.00, Session 5: The ‘Latin’ Twentieth Century

Chair: TBC

Pablo del Hierro (Universiteit Maastricht): ‘Fascist metropolis: Madrid and the global (neo-) Fascist network’

Mercedes Peñalba-Sotorrío (Manchester Metropolitan University): ‘Spain at the crux of the two world wars: a history of continuities through German propaganda’

Marició Janué i Miret (Universitat Pompeu Fabra): ‘Cesura y continuidad en la reconstrucción de la diplomacia cultural hispano-alemana tras el fin de la Segunda Guerra Mundial’

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30, Session 6: The Atlantic Revolutions (2)

Chair: Lucy Riall

Alessandro Bonvini (European University Institute): “‘A confederação dos povos livres’”: Atlantic patriots in the Farrapos Movement, 1835-1845’

Enrico Acciai (University of Leeds): ‘Transnational war volunteering and political radicalism: a Mediterranean perspective, 1870-1914’



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