



**ASSOCIATION FOR THE
STUDY OF MODERN ITALY**

Breaking Borders: a transnational approach to Italian studies

23rd-24th September 2021 at the University of Birmingham

This year the ASMI Postgraduate Summer School will explore modern and contemporary Italy from a transnational perspective. In a world that is increasingly mobile, we ask how we can explore beyond national borders to reveal the multiplicity and hybridity of Italian culture, society and history. The Summer School therefore aims to examine the dialogue between national and transnational within an interdisciplinary network of researchers. We also aim to encourage discussion of the complexities involved in approaching Italian Studies from a transnational framework and what methods such an approach might entail.

The ASMI Postgraduate Summer School provides a forum for postgraduate students and early career scholars in the field of Italian Studies to share their research and test their ideas in a welcoming and supportive environment. Participants will present their papers in panel sessions which will be followed by a Q&A led by a panel discussant. The Summer School programme will include a keynote lecture and a roundtable discussion (speakers to be confirmed).

We welcome proposals for papers that relate to the conference topic within any aspect of Italian history, politics, society, and culture from the eighteenth to the twenty-first century.

Papers can be in English or Italian and should be no more than 20 minutes in length. Please send an abstract (max 250 words) and a short biography (max 100 words) to the conference organisers at asmisummerschool2021@gmail.com by **4th July 2021**. Presenting authors will be notified by the **16th July** if their abstract has been accepted.

The Summer School is provisionally planned to be held at the **University of Birmingham**, however it may be moved online due to coronavirus restrictions.

The Summer School is free to all members of ASMI. ASMI membership is offered at a discounted rate of £20 per calendar year to students and the unwaged, and includes subscription to the journal *Modern Italy* (<http://www.asmi.org.uk/membership/>). A limited number of travel grants will be available. For information, please contact the organisers at asmisummerschool2021@gmail.com

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