

The Italian Crisis: Twenty years on.

Call for Papers

Annual Conference of The Association for the Study of Modern Italy

21-22 November 2014. The Italian Cultural Institute, London.

Conference organisers: John Foot and Gianluca Fantoni.

Keynote speakers: Paul Ginsborg and Tito Boeri.

In 1994, the Association for the Student of Modern Italy organised a conference around the theme of the 'Italian crisis'. Silvio Berlusconi had just been elected as Prime Minister and the country was in dire economic straits. The political system was in tatters after the tangentopoli scandals. The crisis was analysed from a political, cultural, historical and social viewpoints in a conference which was extremely well attended and led to fascinating discussions after every paper.

The papers from the conference were then collected and published in the first issue of the journal *Modern Italy*.

This call for papers is looking for original work on the history, culture, economics and politics of the last twenty years in Italy, as well as papers which take a comparative and transnational approach to the Italian crisis. Also welcome will be papers which seek to make comparisons with the Italian past or to read events or personalities in the light of Italian history.

In particular, we invite papers on

1. The political crisis and the 'Berlusconi era' and the rise of anti-politics.
2. The economic crisis in Italy
3. Italy and Europe
4. Corruption and the political system.
5. The cultural impact of the crisis and cultural representations of the crisis.
6. The idea of crisis in the Italian context.
7. Forms of political leadership and/or participation.

Short summaries of papers (300 words) should be sent to Gianluca Fantoni by 1/8 /2014 at [**gianluca.fantoni@ntu.ac.uk**](mailto:gianluca.fantoni@ntu.ac.uk)

All accepted speakers will be required to join ASMI and register for the conference by 1.11.2014.

