

## **Call for convenors for Modern Italian History Seminar at the Institute of Historical Research, London**

The convenors of the Modern Italian History Seminar at the Institute of Historical Research, London are looking to recruit two new convenors to join the team. As part of the convening team, you will be expected to take responsibility for organising at least one event per academic year (in person or hybrid, in London or elsewhere in the UK) and to play an active role in overseeing the seminar's management and selection of speakers. We generally organise 6 events per year which are a mixture of single-speaker talks and roundtables. Hybrid in-person events usually take place in London, though we are keen to host events in other locations in the UK. We also organise online-only events. Seminars generally take place on Wednesday evenings 17.30-19.00 GMT.

If you are interested in becoming a convenor, please submit:

- a short statement (max. 250 words) explaining why you would like to join the convening team, what you can contribute and any ideas for speakers and/or topics you think would be a good fit for the seminar;
- a short CV (max. 2 pages) to include your education, professional appointments, major publications and your experience of organising seminars, workshops etc.

Applications should be submitted to the seminar's Lead Convenor, Dr Selena Daly (University College London) at [selena.daly@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:selena.daly@ucl.ac.uk) by 5pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Successful applicants will be informed by the start of August so that they can contribute to the seminar planning for 2024/25.

### **Please note:**

- You must have your PhD in hand at the time of application but do not need to hold a permanent academic post. Applicants of any career stage, from early-career to professor, are welcomed.
- You can be based anywhere in the UK or abroad but please note that seminars take place in GMT (i.e. London) and that convenors are expected to attend seminars, in person or virtually.
- We are particularly keen to recruit convenors who are not based in London and to include perspectives and backgrounds not currently represented on the convening team.
- We are looking to recruit convenors whose research interests complement those already present on the convening team. Please see below for a list of current convenors and their research areas.

- You will most likely be an historian but we are also open to applicants working in adjacent fields (e.g. cultural studies, anthropology, sociology etc.) provided that your work focuses, broadly speaking, on the history of modern Italy.

#### **Current Convening Team:**

**Lead Convenor: Dr Selena Daly** (University College London): history of Italian emigration, migration history, the First World War, Fascism, memory of Fascism and difficult heritage, the European avant-garde

**Dr Alessandro de Arcangelis** (University College London): modern European intellectual and cultural history, with a particular focus on transnational encounters, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Italian history, environmental history

**Dr Carlotta Ferrara degli Uberti** (Università di Pisa): Italian and European Jewish history (XIX-XX), antisemitism, nationalism/s, history of marriage and of the family with a specific focus on mixed marriages and on the connection/clash between civil and religious law

**Dr Gianmarco Mancosu** (Institute of Languages, Cultures and Societies, School of Advanced Study, London): colonies and colonization, fascist imperial propaganda, colonial memories and legacies, classes, races, culture, Italian visual and film cultures

**Dr Federica Mazzara** (University of Westminster): migration, art and politics, media and communication

**About the IHR:** Founded in 1921, the IHR is UK's national centre for history and is one of eight institutes that comprise the University of London's School of Advanced Study. The IHR is home to the UK's largest programme of seminars dedicated to history, with over 70 seminars meeting regularly during the academic year. <https://www.history.ac.uk/about-us/about-institute>

#### **About the Modern Italian History Seminar, sponsored by ASMI (Association for the Study of Modern Italy):**

The Modern Italian History Seminar brings together scholars working on nineteenth and twentieth century history of Italy and acts as a focal point of academic debate in that area. It features a mix of established and junior scholars from UK, Italy, and elsewhere. When there are linkages with other fields and seminar series, the Seminar organises joint sessions.

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