

# Models of modernization

The Chair offers a wider reading of the problems of Italian modernization on a multi-disciplinary and comparative level that highlights the different political, economic and social dimensions which thereby resulted in Italy's most prosperous era of modernization after the Second World War. The peculiarity of the Italian case is represented by the fact that during the sixty years of the Republic, Italy underwent a series of structural processes which all happened at the same time while in other European countries took place in different stages: economic development, social and cultural modernization and the full-fledged affirmation of mass democracy all came to an end just in the years that State centrality and the role of domestic political elites were seriously challenged in Europe. The way the Italian political, economic and social system confronted and handled this series of processes as well as the consequences which the various approaches undertaken had on the political system, both on the institutional and governmental level and on the relations with the social system and without undermining the comparative implications of this experience with other similar experiences in Europe, are all elements at the heart of discussion of this Chair.

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