

Pro. M. Models of Modernization, 2009

The Chair would like to offer 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 which 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.

David Hine (Chair)

Christ Church, University of Oxford



Italy and the varieties of capitalism literature

Thursday, March 19, h. 11-13

S.Chiana College, Aula Cantucci

Italy and the quality of democracy literature

Wednesday, March 25 h. 9-11 S.Chiana College, Aula Meeting

Modernizing the Italian elite

Wednesday, April 1 h. 9-11 S.Chiana College, Auditorium

Italy under the pressures of European integration

Monday, April 6, h. 11-13 S.Chiana College, Aula Cantucci

Italy in the current economic crisis

Monday, June 22, h. 11-13 S.Chiana College, (room tba)

Raymond J. La Raja, University of Massachusetts
Political Parties and Party Systems

Parties in decline and a crisis of legitimacy?

Tuesday, May 5, h. 9.00 S.Chiana College, Auditorium

Democratic theory and political parties

Tuesday, May 12 h. 9.00 Faculty of Political Science, Conference Room, 2nd floor

Party organizations

Tuesday, May, 19 h. 9.00 Faculty of Political Science, Conference Room, 2nd floor

Party, voters and policies

Tuesday, May, 26 h. 9.00 Faculty of Political Science, Conference Room, 2nd floor

The Future: reform and the impact on parties

Tuesday, June, 1 h. 9.00 Faculty of Political Science, Room 4



Jurg Steiner, University of North Carolina/EUI, Florence
Democracy in deeply divided societies
Tuesday, March 31 h. 11 S.Chiana College, Auditorium



Paolo Pombeni, University of Bologna
La modernizzazione del sistema politico italiano in una prospettiva comparata

La modernizzazione del sistema politico liberale; dalla "politica" alla "amministrazione"

Monday, April, 20 h. 14.30, Faculty of Political Science, Room 7

Il problema della modernizzazione fascista: fra Stato e partito

Monday, April 27 h. 14.30, S.Chiana College, Aula Meeting

La modernità della Repubblica: il pluralismo e la "partitocrazia"

Monday, May 4 h. 14.30, S.Chiana College, Auditorium

Una modernizzazione mancata? Miti e idoli polemici dal centro-sinistra a tangentopoli

Monday, May 11 h. 14.30 S.Chiana College, Auditorium



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