



THE ITALIAN HISTORICAL TRANSFORMATION: FROM UNIFICATION TO THE FASCIST ERA

BCSP – Fall 2011

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HOURS:

Monday 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 3.30-5.30pm
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DESCRIPTION: The objective of this course is to take into account the key junctions of the historical, political and institutional evolution of contemporary Italy from 1861 to WWII, with reference to the main socio-economic changes that took place in Europe in this period. For what concerns Italy, the focus will be on the facts connected to the Liberal State up until its crisis (the history of the Right and the Left coalitions, the Crispi government, the end of the century crisis and the Giolitti age), the advent of Fascism, the birth of the regime up to the involvement in the second world war. All the events covered in the course will be connected with the historical transformations that are taking place in those years.

INSTRUCTOR: Fulvio Cammarano is Full Professor of Contemporary History at the Facoltà of Political Science of the University of Bologna. He has been Chair of the Department of Politics, Institutions and History of the University of Bologna from 2004 to 2010 research interests range from Italian to European Cultural and Political History. He is currently President of the Library System of the University.

His studies are mainly focused on Italian and European cultural and political history. Professor Cammarano is a contributor to the cultural section of the widely read daily newspaper "Il Messaggero" and Director of the quarterly journal "Ricerche di Storia Politica", published by Il Mulino.

Among his most recent publications: *Storia dell'Italia liberale*, Laterza, 2011; he has edited (with S.Cavazza) the volume *Il nemico in politica. La delegittimazione dell'avversario nell'Europa contemporanea*, Il Mulino, 2010 and (with G. Guazzaloca, M.S. Piretti) *Storia contemporanea. Dal XIX al XXI secolo*, Le Monnier-Mondadori, 2009. Professor Cammarano has also published some of his work in English, under the title of *To Save England from Decline: the National Party of Common Sense. British Conservatism and the Challenge of Democracy (1885-1892)*, University Press of America, 2001.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Classroom lectures and group discussions.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Italian

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT: participation (30%), weekly written assignments (30%), oral presentation (10%), final paper (30%).



ATTENDANCE: Course attendance is mandatory. Absences and tardiness will cause a reduction of ½ point from your final grade for each absence and ⅓ for each time you arrive late to class.

If you cannot attend class, you will be expected to get information from your schoolmates about home assignments and to be prepared for next class.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE:

FIRST MODULE: THE POLITICAL-INSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION OF ITALY AND THE MAIN EUROPEAN NATIONS BETWEEN 1870 AND 1914

1. The premises to the unification of Italy. The process of national unification. The Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and its consequences in Europe.
2. The Historical Right coalition in Italy. France after 1870: from the Paris Commune to the Third Republic.
3. Transformism and the politics of the Historical Left coalition. The United Kingdom from the Victorian Age to the 1909-11 Institutional Crisis.
4. The Socialist and the Catholic movement: growth of the anti-establishment forces in Italy. Germany from Bismarck to the age of William II. The Bismarck policy. The Kulturkampf and the anti-socialist laws. The Bismarck system in Europe. The new emperor William II and the resignation of Bismarck. The change in foreign policy. The Eighties of the XIX century: a turning point in Europe.

SECOND MODULE: FROM THE END OF XIX CENTURY CRISIS TO WWI

5. The end of century crisis Italy and other European nations.
6. The Giolittian age.
7. The Germany of William II
8. France and the United Kingdom: the liberal Parliament under pressure
9. The first World War

THIRD MODULE: EUROPE AFTER 1918

10. The Western Democracies between 1919 and 1939
11. The advent of Fascism in Italy
12. The Fascist regime and the outbreak of WWII



REQUIRED READINGS:

F. Cammarano, G. Guazzaloca, M.S. Piretti, *Storia contemporanea. Dal XIX al XXI secolo*, Le Monnier-Mondadori, 2009.

Calendar:

1° lezione	Lunedì 17 Ottobre
2° lezione	Mercoledì 19 Ottobre
3° lezione	Lunedì 24 Ottobre
4° lezione	Mercoledì 26 Ottobre
5° lezione	Mercoledì 2 Novembre
6° lezione	Lunedì 7 Novembre
7° lezione	Mercoledì 9 Novembre
8° lezione	Lunedì 14 Novembre
9° lezione	Mercoledì 16 Novembre
10° lezione	Lunedì 21 Novembre
11° lezione	Mercoledì 23 Novembre
12° lezione	Lunedì 28 Novembre
13° lezione	Mercoledì 30 Novembre
14° lezione	Lunedì 5 Dicembre
Esame	Mercoledì 7 Dicembre