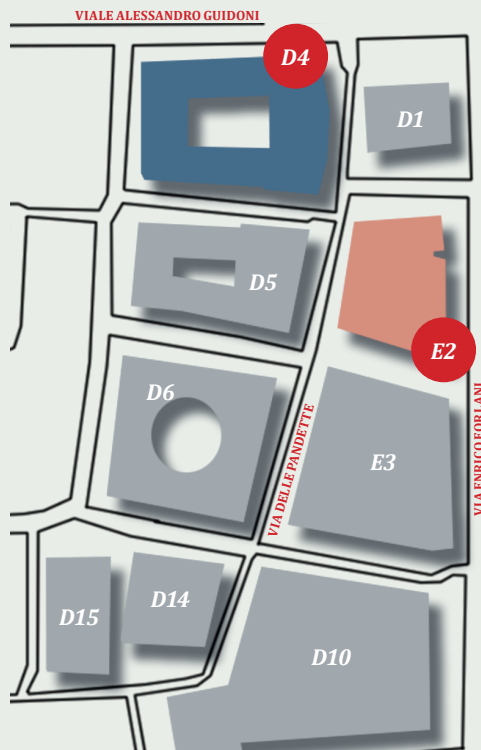


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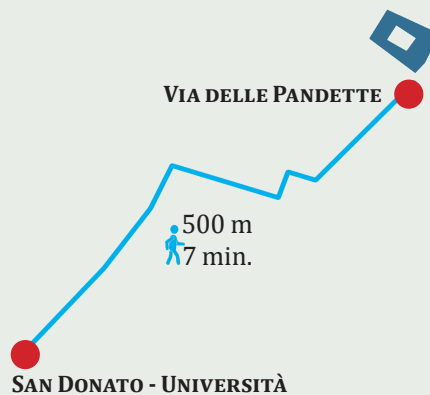
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14 September (15.30-19.30)

Aula Magna, Rectorate of Florence University (Piazza San Marco)

15.30-16.00

REGISTRATION

16.00-16.30

WELCOME ADDRESS

COMFAS: Aristotle Kallis (Keele Univ.) / Constantin Iordachi (Central European Univ.)  
Giorgia Giovannetti (Univ. of Florence)

16.30-17.45

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Chair: Aristotle Kallis (Keele Univ.)

*The Judeo-Bolshevik Myth: The Enduring Power of a Twentieth Century Conspiracy Theory*  
Paul Hanebrink, Rutgers University

*Communist Conspiracies in Fascist Ideology and Propaganda from the Spanish Civil War to the Eastern Front*  
Marla Stone, The American Academy in Rome and Occidental College

18.00-19.00

WELCOME BUFFET

15 September

Campus delle Scienze Sociali, Novoli, D4 (Via delle Pandette, 32)

8.30-9.15

REGISTRATION

9.15-11.00

SESSION 1

**AXIS FORCES AND CONSPIRACY MYTHS  
(ROOM D4/1.12)**

Chair: Martina Salvante (Univ. of Nottingham)

*'From Patriots to Traitors': Fascist Veterans' Politics of Memory and the Criminalization of Italian Jews, 1938-1945*  
Blasco Sciarrino, Central European University

*A Police Net to Trap Communism? Fascist Italy's and Nazi Germany's International Police Interactions between 1936 and 1940*  
Alberto Murru, Newcastle University

*Revolt Against the West: Anglo-American Hegemony as Global Conspiracy and the Fascist Politics of Grievance*  
Sarah Panzer, Missouri State University

*The Myth of Conspiracy and Judeo-Bolshevism in the Activity of the Welt-Dienst of Erfurt and its Transnational Network (1934-1939)*  
Valeria Galimi, University of Florence

11.00-11.30

COFFEE BREAK (ROOM D4/1.10)

11.30-13.15

SESSION 2

**IMPERIAL BREAKDOWN, SOVEREIGNTY PANIC, CONSPIRATORIAL MYTHS: RADICAL RIGHT IN POST-HABSBURG BORDERLANDS  
(ROOM D4/1.12)**

Chair: Pieter Judson (European Univ. Institute)

*Monarchist Restoration and Bolshevik Coup: Fears of Conspiracy in the young Czechoslovak Republic*  
Claire Morelon, University of Padua

**ANTI-BOLSHEVIK MYTHS IN NORTHERN EUROPE  
(ROOM D4/1.15)**

Chair: Andrea Mammone (Univ. of Roma 'La Sapienza')

*From the Russian Revolution to the March on Rome. The Origins of the Judeo-Bolshevik Myth in Northern Europe (1917-1922)*  
Fabio Ferrarini, University of Milan

*Foreigners in Our Midst: Interwar Bukovina and The Borderland Origins of the Romanian Radical Right*  
Cristina Florea, Cornell University

*No Truce Anymore Between Us and the Enemies of the Homeland!': Labelling Political Opponents of the Italian Annexation in Post-imperial Fiume*  
Ivan Jeličić, Institute for Political History

*Conspiratorial Myths as Tools for Remaking Borderlands: Habsburg Collapse, "Slavic" and "Bolshevik" Plots, and Fascism in the Upper Adriatic*  
Marco Bresciani, University of Florence

15.00-16.45

SESSION 3

**BEFORE AND AFTER THE PROTOCOLS. THE SPREAD OF JEWS CONSPIRACY THEORIES FROM FRENCH REVOLUTION TO SECOND WORLD WAR: NARRATIVES, NETWORKS, MEDIATIZATION  
(ROOM D4/1.12)**

Chair: Francesco Cassata (Univ. of Genoa)

*Old Wine in New Caskets: Conspiracy Theories, Catholic Counter-revolutionaries, and the French Revolution, 1789-99*  
Glauco Schettini, Fordham University

*The Rabbi's Speech. On the Mediatric Origins of the Modern Jews Conspiracy Plot*  
Ignazio Veca, University of Pisa

*The Catholic Participation in the Diffusion of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion after the Great War*  
Nina Valbousquet, Ecole Française de Rome

*A Russian Fascist in Italy: Nikolai Zhevakhov and the Myth of the Jewish-Masonic World Conspiracy*  
Michael Hagemester, Ruhr University, Bochum

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PLENARY DISCUSSION

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**MYTHS OF JUDEO-BOLSHEVISM AND RADICAL RIGHT IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE  
(ROOM D4/1.12)**

Chair: Constantin Iordachi (Central European Univ.)

*Rumor as Ideology, Political Paranoia and Actionable Information during the White Terror in Hungary, 1919-1921*  
Béla Bodó, University of Bonn

*Enemies of the Resurrection: Antisemitism and Fascism in the Ideology of the "Legion of the Arcangel Michael"*  
Raul Carstocea, University of Maynooth

*"Jews as the Enemy": The Odessa Massacres and the Myth of Judeo-Bolshevism*  
Emanuel-Marius Grec, University of Heidelberg

*The Spread of Anti-Bolshevism in and by Scandinavian Counter-revolutionary 'Social Aid' Organisations, 1918-29*  
Nathaniel Kunkeler, University of Oslo

*The Myth of Jewish Bolshevism and its Expressions in Latvia in the Interwar Period*  
Paula Oppermann, University of Munich

*Conspiratorial Activism and National Socialist Subculture*  
Clas B. Christensen, Roskilde University

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SESSION 3

**ANTISEMITIC CONSPIRACISM IN THE NORDIC REGION (ROOM D4/1.15)**

Chair: Graham Macklin (Univ. of Oslo)

*The Birth of Nordic Fascism and Antisemitic Conspiracism*  
Sofie Lene Bak, University of Copenhagen  
Oula Silvenoinen, University of Helsinki

*Antisemitism and Christian National Socialism in Interwar Sweden*  
Gustaf Forsell, Uppsala University

*Conspiracist Antisemitism and the Journal Welt-Dienst in Scandinavia*  
Nicola Karcher, Østfold University College  
Kjetil Braut Simonsen, Oslo Jewish Museum

*Redemptive Antisemitism in Scandinavia during the Second World War*  
Lars M. Andersson, Uppsala University

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(ROOM D4/1.15)**

Chair: Giorgia Priorelli (Univ. of Girona)

*The Defacement of Spanish Intellectuals in the 1920-30s. Intellectual Bolsheviks, Fascist Dukes and Black Shirt Philosophers against the People of Spain*  
Ana Romero, Independent scholar

*'España para los españoles': Anti-Masonic Discourse in Provincial Spain*  
Lewis Ewan Driver, European University Institute

*Revolución Identitaria and Sección de Asalto: Two Sides of Spanish Neo-Nazism*  
Eva Gómez Fernández, University of Cantabria

*Conspiracy Theories as a Fuel for Radicalization? The Case of Fascist Organizations in Yugoslavia*  
Marko Milošev, Central European University

*Making Antisemitism Global? Anti-'Kikes' Campaign, International Public Opinion and the Genesis of East European Fascism (1919-1922)*  
Grzegorz Krzywiac, Polish Academy of Sciences

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SESSION 2

**FORGING AND FRAMING CONSPIRACIES: THE ROLE OF INTELLECTUALS BETWEEN HISTORY AND POLITICS  
(ROOM D4/1.12)**

Chair: Manuela Consonni (Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem)

*The Conspiracy of Silence: Ernst Jünger, Carl Schmitt, and the Emotional Regime of Antiliberal Paranoia*  
Elijah Bures, University of California-Berkeley

*Henry Wickham Steed and the Limits of Conspiracy*  
Victor Isaac Taranto, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*"A Persistent Psychological Complex": Richard Hofstadter, Norman Cohn and the Pathological Dimensions of Conspiracy*  
Lorenzo Ferrari, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

*Fascism and Communism as Pathology: The Paranoid Style and the Theory of Intotalitarianism*  
Anna Eva Grutza, Central European University

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**RUSSIA: POLITICS OF RESENTMENT, CONSPIRATORIAL THINKING, AND FAR-RIGHT INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING  
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Anton Shekhovtsov, Centre for Democratic Integrity

*Enemy Within. Conspiracy Theories and Counter-subversion in Portuguese Far Right between Late Authoritarianism and Democracy (1960s-1970s)*  
Riccardo Marchi, University Institute of Lisbon

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**GREAT REPLACEMENT THEORIES AND CONTEMPORARY FAR RIGHT  
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Chair: Giorgia Bulli (Univ. of Florence)

*Transatlantic Correspondences: The Jewish-Communist Conspiracy in Postwar Fascism*  
Zoltán Kékesi, Technical University, Berlin

*Far Right Movement Leadership: Activities and Shifts in Germany*  
Fabian Virchow, Hochschule Düsseldorf  
Michael C. Zeller, Central European University and CARR

*Alex Slavrov's Fascist Conspiracism and Accelerationist Culture*  
Paul Jackson, University of Northampton

*It's a Cultural Invasion: The Prevalence of The Great Replacement Conspiracy Theory within the British New Far Right*  
Alice Sibley, Nottingham Trent University

*The Great Replacement Theory and the Idea of the People in Contemporary Fascism*  
Mattias Gardell, Uppsala University

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