

The Global Mediterranean and the Long Second World War

University of Naples Federico II



Thursday 19 June 2025

Department of Political Sciences, Aula G1

14.45–15.15 Institutional greetings

Paola De Vivo

Head of the Department of Political Sciences

Andrea Mazzucchi

Head of the Department of Humanities

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Ruth Lawlor (Cornell University)

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Chair: Gia Caglioti (University of Naples Federico II)

11.00–12.45 Panel 3: Extra-Mediterranean Military Forces

Chair: Andrea D'Onofrio (University of Naples Federico II)

Department of Humanities, Aula DSU 5

14.30–16.00 Panel 4:

Regional Nodes of Power, Conflict, and Connectivity

Chair: Paolo Fonzi (University of Naples Federico II)

**16.30–18.15 Panel 5: The Transition from War to Postwar
and the Rise of the American Hegemon**

Chair: Matteo Pretelli

(University of Naples L'Orientale)

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Patrick Bernhard (University of Oslo)

In the Shadow of El Alamein: War Violence, Colonial Rule, and the Holocaust in North Africa

Karine Varley (University of Strathclyde)

Fluctuating Assets: Vichy France and the Mediterranean in World War Two

Christopher Mingo (Cornell University)

A War of the Regime: The Many Visions of Fascist Empire, 1931–1937

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Manoela Patti (University of Palermo)

War Stories: Displaced Persons, Returnees, and Refugees in Southern Italy (1940–1945)

Valentin Rhodius

(University of Caen Normandie)

Naples, a Mediterranean Hub for the Resettlement of Displaced Persons and Refugees under the Aegis of the International Refugee Organization (1947–1950)

Mariella Terzoli

(Institut d'Études Avancées, Paris)

Itineraries Around the Mediterranean: Italian Prisoners of War in South Africa During the Second World War

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

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Alexandre Fortes

(Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro)

The Brazilian Expeditionary Force's Campaign in Italy: Global War, National Identities, and Diplomatic Ambitions

Priyanjana Gupta (Jadavpur University)

The Indian Army in the Deserts of North Africa (1940–1944)

Alessia Latessa (University of Molise)

For our Freedom and Yours. The 2nd Polish Corps in Italy

Salvador Lima (European University Institute)

The Foreign Legion and the Early Stages of the 'Long World War II'. Warfare, Politics and Migrations in Europe and the Mediterranean, 1935–1939

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Chair: **Paolo Fonzi**
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Pablo Del Hierro

(University of Maastricht),
Connecting Waters: Tangier's Strategic Role in WWII Atlantic and Mediterranean Theatres

Konstantina Oikonomou

(University of the Peloponnese),
The Mediterranean Crucible: Imperial Contestation, Great Power Governance, and the Greek Civil War

Nuri Korkmaz

(Bursa Technical University),
The Balkan Stage of World War II and Strategies to Control the Eastern Mediterranean

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Emanuele Bernardi

(University of Rome, La Sapienza),
Italy, the United States and the Mediterranean in the long Second World War (1943-1950)

Sarah Snyder

(American University, Washington),
Overseas Americans' Experiences in the Mediterranean during the Second World War

Nathalie Ubéda

(Côte d'Azur University),
The United States Riviera Recreational Area: A Tool of Influence and a Reflection of the Modalities of American Power Assertion in Liberated Mediterranean Territories (1944-1946)

Chiara Maria Pulvirenti

(University of Rome, La Sapienza),
Bread and Borders: the Mediterranean's Food Crisis and UNRRA's Response during and after the Second World War

18.15-19 Concluding remarks

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