

Democracy

Global Fascism
Populism
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"Carriers of the New Black Plague," William H. Cotton, Ken magazine, April 7, 1938

**Eighth Convention of
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Association for
Comparative Fascist
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The debate on the similarities and differences between fascism, authoritarianism, and populism has been present in political discourse since the first half of the twentieth century and remains highly relevant today. Over time, the discussion has grown increasingly complex, incorporating related concepts such as the radical right, neo-fascism, and populism - phenomena that have gained renewed prominence in the wake of Donald Trump's electoral victories and the long-standing political reigns of V. Putin and V. Orban. Major media outlets such as *Le Monde*, *NPR*, *New York Times*, *CNN*, *Politico*, and *The Guardian* frequently host debates among social scientists to clarify whether Trumpism could be understood as a form of radicalization potentially leading to fascism.

In this context, historians have the challenging task of advancing a nuanced and rigorous understanding of these phenomena, offering rigorous definitions that can enrich public debate. To this end, the International Association for Comparative Fascist Studies (COMFAS) dedicates its Eighth Convention to these issues, bringing together researchers from diverse disciplinary fields, geographical contexts, and scholarly traditions. The convention aims to provide a platform for plural discussion and challenging debate, encompassing papers that range from empirical case studies to synchronic and diachronic comparisons, exploring the diffusion of non-democratic political projects from the rise of fascism to the present.

Organising Committee

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Plenary Sessions

Seda Nunes Auditorium

18 June

09.00 am - 09.30 am **Opening Remarks**
Constantin Iordarchi – Central European University, ComFas

04.45 pm - 05.45 pm **Fascism before Fascism? Caesarism as concept and history**
Federico Finchelstein – New School for Social Research, NY, USA

19 June

02.15 pm - 03.15 pm **Fascist Origins of the Axis: From the Fiume Venture to Manchukuo**
Janis Mimura – State University of New York, USA

05.45 pm - 07.00 pm **Mapping and Extending the Field: A Celebration of Antonio Costa Pinto's Contribution to Comparative Fascism Studies**
Aristotle Kallis – Keele University, Duncan Simpson – ICS-ULisboa, Marina Costa Lobo – ICS-ULisboa, Octávio Amorim Neto – Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Riccardo Marchi – ISCTE-IUL

20 June

09.15 am - 09.30 am **Modern Histories of Politics and Violence book series, Bloomsbury**
Raul Cârstoceu – Maynooth University, Ireland
Paul Jackson – University of Northampton, UK

09.30 am - 10.00 am **Fascism, Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies**
Paul Jackson – University of Northampton, UK

11.45 am - 12.45 pm **Authoritarian Legacies and the Politics of History: How the Present Shapes the Past**
Melissa Teixeira – Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Panel Sessions

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09.30 am - 11.00 am **Panel 4 Culture as Power: Cultural Diplomacy under Far Right and Fascist Regimes (1920s–1950s)**

From Shrine to Cultural Diplomacy: Fatima and the radical Right Groups in Cold War America.
Annarita Gori – ICS-ULisboa

Seaside Encounters: Comradeship as a Mode of National Socialist Cultural Diplomacy.
Frederik Forrai Ørskov – University of Southern Denmark

A Useful Tool for an Authoritarian Pariah: The Spanish Language and the International Isolation of Franco, 1945–1956.
Luis Gonzaga Martínez Del Campo – Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Propaganda, Soft Power, and Diplomacy: Fascist Italy's Strategies in Norway.
Monica Miscali – Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Chair & Discussant

Giorgia Priorelli – Universitat de Girona, Spain

11.00 am - 11.15 am Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm **Panel 5 Everyday Life under Dictatorship**

Denunciations in the fascist everyday.
Jonathan Dunnage – Swansea University, UK

Everyday life under the PIDE: an exercise in oral history.
Duncan Simpson – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

Political deportation, racism and remoteness in Cabo Verde's Barlavento: towards an everyday life history of a colonial backwater, 1926–1945.
Alexander Keese – Université de Genève, Switzerland

Changing trajectories in everyday life: the Estado Novo and the US airbase on Terceira Island, 1945–1954.
Beatriz Valverde Contreras – Centro de História da Sociedade e da Cultura, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Chair & Discussant

Pedro Aires de Oliveira – IHC/NOVA FCSH, Lisbon, Portugal

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12.45 pm - 02.15 pm Lunch break

02.15 pm - 03.45 pm **Panel 6 Fascism and Imperialism**

Fascist Geopolitics and Anti-Fascist Spatial Politics: Imperial Ambitions and Transnational Resistance.

Matteo Manca – Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Italy

The NSB & The European 'Statenbond': White Solidarity, Imperial Japan, and 'Yellow Peril' in 1930s Dutch Fascism.

Mitchel Stuffers – University of Exeter, UK

Housing, welfare colonialism and technoscientific networks: Portugal and the Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa South of the Sahara (CCTA).

Joana Brites – CEIS20/University of Coimbra, Portugal

Chair & Discussant

Daniel Hedinger – Leipzig University, Germany

03.45 am - 04.00 am Coffee break

04.00 am - 04.45 am **Ongoing Research Session 1**

Transnational Francoism. Francoism as a reference point for authoritarian and anti-communist political organizations and movements during the Cold War years, 1945-1975.

Pablo del Hierro – UNED, Spain; Carlos Domper Lasús – University of Zaragoza, Spain

Panel Sessions

Maria de Sousa Room

18 JUNE

09.30 am - 11.00 am

Panel 1 Electoralism and Fascism: Mobilisation, Surveillance, and Managed Voting

Universal Suffrage and the Grammar of Fear: Italy and Portugal in the Crisis of Mass Politics.

Goffredo Adinolfi – CIES/ISCTE, Portugal

“Against the Politics of Interests”: The 1926 Plebiscite and the National Assembly in the Building of the Primorriverista State.

Carles Garcia i Flores – Universitat de Girona, Spain

Surveillance, Propaganda and Control: The Portuguese Legion in Estado Novo Elections.

Tiago Pinto, Riccardo Marchi – CEI/ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal

Chair & Discussant

Joan Pubill Brugués – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

11.00 am - 11.15 am

Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm

Panel 2 Electoralism and Fascism: Suffrage, Local Elections, and Plebiscitary Legitimation in Interwar Italy

Women’s Suffrage and Italian Fascism.

Vinzia Fiorino – University of Pisa, Italy

Legitimizing by plebiscite: power and mass consensus in Italian fascism.

Enzo Fimiani – Gabriele d’Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Elections in Siena during fascism.

Saverio Battente – University of Siena, Italy

Shuffling and dealing again: a genetic analysis on Salazar’s 1942 MP List.

Jose Reis Santos – NOVA SBE, Lisboa, Portugal

Chair & Discussant

Goffredo Adinolfi – CIES/ISCTE, Portugal

12.45 pm - 02.15 pm

Lunch break

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02.15 pm - 03.45 pm **Panel 3 Visualising Legitimacy in Fascist and Illiberal Politics**

On Fascism's cultural assault on liberal democracy through modernist photography of Italianità.

Dario Sciascia – Keele University, UK

Democratic depictions of an anti-democratic Republic: Photography, Respectability and Croix-de-Feu in 'Le Document' (1935).

Rika Canaway – Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

Between Old and New Visual Strategies: The Visual Culture of the Greater Romania Party (1991–2000).

Alexandra Niculae – University of Liverpool, UK

Artistic Freedom and the Religious Factor under Fascism: The Limits of a Controlled Pluralism.

Alessandro Negri – University of Milan, Italy

Chair & Discussant

Aristotle Kallis – Keele University, UK

03.45 pm - 04.00 pm Coffee break

04.00 pm - 04.45 pm **Meet-the-author 1**

Constantin Iordarchi, Fascism, Palingenesis, and Violent Cleansing: The Myth of Rebirth in the Fascist Ideology, Cambridge University Press, 2026

Discussant

Federico Finchelstein, New School for Social Research, NY, USA

Panel Sessions

Room 2

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09.30 am - 11.00 am

Panel 7 Afterlives of Fascism: Culture, Metapolitics, and the Transnational Right after 1945

What Ever Happened to the 'Third Way'? The Far Right and the Debate on Corporatism in the Long Postwar Period.

Matteo Pasetti – University of Bologna, Italy

Reinventing the Right. Youth, Culture, and Transnational Metapolitics in France and Italy (1970s–1980s).

Valeria Galimi – University of Florence, Italy

Smuggling Extremism: Reville P. Oliver, the John Birch Society, and the Politics of the Sayable after 1945.

Emanuel Rota – University of Illinois, USA

From the Green Wing to the Goetheanum: Fascist Revival in Contemporary Switzerland.

Catherine Tebaldi – University of Luxembourg

Chair & Discussant

Pedro Aires Oliveira – IHC/Nova FCSH

11.00 am - 11.15 am

Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm

Panel 8 Anticommunism and the Rehabilitation of the Radical Right in Postwar Europe (1945–1968)

Pierre Nothomb and the Making of a Postwar Conservative Network in Europe.

Pablo del Hierro – Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain

Radical Integrations. Transnational Anticommunism and the Remapping of the Western World, 1945–1968.

Johannes Großmann – Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany

Alfredo Sánchez Bella and the "Spiritual Reserve of the West". An anti-communist broker for the transnational rearticulation of the radical right (1945–1980).

Carlos Domper Lasús – University of Zaragoza, Spain

Circulating Authoritarian Modernity: Italian Neo-Fascist Readings of Francoist 'Desarrollismo' (1956–1973).

Giuseppe Camorino – Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy

Chair & Discussant

Miguel Ángel Ruiz Carnicer – University of Zaragoza, Spain

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12.45 pm - 02.15 pm Lunch break

02.15 pm - 03.45 pm **Panel 9 A tradição renovada de um autoritarismo à brasileira**

Forjando uma democracia autoritária: Vargas, comunicação política e o mito do líder forte (1930–1945).

Fúlvia Zega – Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy

O ambiente mediático contemporâneo e a rearticulação do autoritarismo no Brasil.

Luana Chinazzo – PUCRS, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Contextos de reforço do apoio à extrema-direita no Brasil do século XXI.

João Paulo Avelãs Nunes – Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal

Autoritarismo à Brasileira em Perspectiva Histórica.

Luciano Aronne de Abreu – PUCRS, Brazil

Chair & Discussant

João Paulo Avelãs Nunes – Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal

03.45 pm - 04.00 pm Coffee break

04.00 pm - 04.45 pm **Meet-the-author 2**

António Costa Pinto, The Fascist Zenith.

War and Dictatorship under Axis Rule, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2025

Discussant

Janis Mimura, State University of New York, USA

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Room 3

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09.30 am - 11.00 am

Panel 10 Right-Wing Geopolitical Imaginaries: Demography, Empire, Globe

Demographic Fear, Conspiratorial Invariants, and the Affective Politics of Authoritarianism in Contemporary Russia.

Andrei Prudnikov – META University (Almaty, Kazakhstan); ICS ULisboa, Portugal

A reflection on the ins and outs of Donald Trump's foreign policy.

Francisco Rodriguez Jimenez – University of Extremadura, Spain

The Global Portability of Anti-Communism: Affective and Instrumental Drivers of Far-Right Support in Europe and Latin America.

Carlos Meléndez – ICS-Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal

Populismo Imperial.

Gilberto Aranda – Universidad de Chile; Esteban Vergara – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile

Chair & Discussant

Andrés Malamud – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

11.00 am - 11.15 am

Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm

Panel 11 Fascist Afterlives: Memory, Nostalgia, Justice

The Pope Against Nuremberg: Nazi War Criminals, the Vatican, and the Question of Postwar Justice.

Gerald J. Steinacher – University of Nebraska, USA

Moving Beyond the Peaceful Nation: Possibilities for Japan-Spain Comparison and Global Fascism Studies.

Matthew Jones – Claremont Graduate University, USA

From Hitler to the Junta and back: Memories of a Wehrmacht Veteran in Argentina.

Zoltán Kékesi – University College London, UK

Nostalgic Neo-fascism in the Global South: The Ideology and Political Activity of the Brazilian Integralist Front.

Jonas Ferreira de Castro Neto – University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil

Chair & Discussant

Octavio Amorim Neto – Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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12.45 pm - 02.15 pm Lunch break

02.15 pm - 03.45 pm **Panel 12 Techno-Oligarchy, Digital Platforms, Libertarian Spatialities**

The US Techno-Oligarchy and the European Far Right.
Anton Shekhovtsov – OHPA-Central European University, Vienna, Austria

Informal Sanctioning and Algorithmic Visibility in Digital Public Spheres.
Marija Marsenic – University of Belgrade, Serbia

Topografías libertarias.
Federico Julián Bonet Castillo – Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Chair & Discussant

Andrés Malamud – ICS-Ulisboa, Portugal

03.45 pm - 04.00 pm Coffee break

04.00 pm - 04.45 pm **Ongoing Research Session 2**

Fetishization as a social process in Marx to think about the constitution of subjectivity in contemporary neo-fascism.
Mateus de Almeida Marin, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil,
Daniele Correia, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,
Leonardo Carnut – Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

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09.30 am - 11.00 am **Panel 16 Vehicles of Fascisation: Press, Pulpit, Market**

The Fascist Quarterly and the emotionology of British fascism.
Paul Jackson – University of Northampton, UK

Errori e Orrori: Examining the Relationship Between Fascism and Anticommunism in Interwar Yugoslavia.
Rastko Lompar – Institute for Balkan Studies, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade, Serbia

Anti-Jewish economic boycotts in Poznań in the interwar period as an element of intensifying fascisation and its transnational aspects.
Claudia Snochowska-Gonzalez – Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Acción Española and Fascism in Spain: Transnational influences, tactical alliances and ideological continuities.
Manuel Sánchez Velasco – Universidad de Sevilla, Spain

Le relazioni tra Italia e Portogallo durante il fascismo e l'Estado Novo.
Stefano Salmi – Associazione di Storia Contemporanea, Italy

Chair & Discussant

Constantin Iordachi – CEU, Vienna, Austria

11.00 am - 11.15 am Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm **Panel 17 Francoism and Fascism: Transnational and Gendered Approaches**

The Falangist "New Man" from a cultural perspective.
Gabriela de Lima Grecco – Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Pilar Primo de Rivera, a Spanish broker in European fascism.
Toni Morant i Ariño – Universitat de València, Spain

Between reactionary nationalism and fascism. Balance and stability under Francoism.
Ismael Saz – Universitat de València, Spain

Nation, region and provinces under Franco's dictatorship.
A comparative view. Julián Sanz Hoya – Universitat de València, Spain

Chair & Discussant

Zira Box – Universitat de València, Spain

12.45 pm - 02.15 pm Lunch break

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03.15 pm - 04.00 pm **Meet-the-author 4**

Giorgia Priorelli, Annarita Gori, Maximiliano Fuentes Codera, eds.,
Political Outbreaks against the Liberal Order (1917-1939). Narratives,
Practices and Celebrations. Routledge, 2026

Discussant

António Costa Pinto – ICS-ULisboa, Universidade Lusófona

04.00 pm - 04.15 pm Coffee break

04.15 pm - 05.45 pm **Panel 18 The Chronopolitics of Global Fascism**

A Fascist Against the Will to Power: Anti-Vitalism in the Thought of Plínio
Salgado.

Max Lokin – Maynooth University, Ireland

Conceptualising South African Fascism: Transnationalism, Race, and
Gender in a Settler-Colonial Context.

Jesse Le Roux – Maynooth University, Ireland

Fascist Presentism, Or: On the Impossibility of Redemption.

Raul Cârstocea – Maynooth University, Ireland

Chair & Discussant

Paul Jackson – University of Northampton, UK

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09.30 am - 11.00 am **Panel 13 Electoralism and Fascism: Managing Mass Politics and Manufacturing Consent – Germany, Poland, Austria, and Romania (1925–1939)**

Weimar Democracy Under Siege (1925–1932): What did the German Republic do to fight against the Rise of Nazism?

Nicolas Patin – Bordeaux Montaigne University, France

'Revolution from above' reconsidered. The radical right-wing subculture in Poland and its electoral practices (1934/1935–1939).

Grzegorz Krzywiec – Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Schuschnigg's referendum of independence – a referendum in authoritarianism.

Ondřej Kukan – Charles University in Prague, Czechia

The Romanian Far-Right Organizations in electoral competition. A comparative analysis (1928–1937).

Florin-Răzvan Mihai – National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism (NIST), Romanian Academy, Romania

Chair & Discussant

Goffredo Adinolfi – CIES/ISCTE, Portugal

11.00 am - 11.15 pm Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm **Panel 14 Electoralism and Fascism: Anti-Parliamentarism, Popular-Front Polarisation, and Authoritarian Elections in Western and Southwestern Europe (1933–1945)**

Broken Dreams: the Portuguese MUD and the 1945 Elections under Salazar's Authoritarian Regime.

Luís Nuno Rodrigues – CEI/ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal

Conceiving a National Front. Fascist electoral stance against the Popular Front in Spain and France (1935–1936).

Joan Pubill Brugués – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

"Degrelle deeply appeals to us in certain respects". The Luxembourgish National Democrat Leo Müller and his criticism of parliamentarism (1933–1940).

Renée Wagener – Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Voting for Fascism? Electoral Mobilisation and Political Radicalisation in Belgian Rexism (1936–1939).

Clément Ferrier – Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France

Chair & Discussant

Nicolas Patin – Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France

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12.45 pm - 02.15 pm

Lunch break

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Meet-the-author 3

Gabriela Lima Grecco, ed., *Fascist Legacies and the New Right Across the Atlantic: Back to the Future*, Routledge, 2026

Discussant

Luciano Aronne de Abreu – PUCRS, Porto Alegre, Brazil

04.00 pm - 04.15 pm

Coffee break

04.15 pm - 05.45 pm

Panel 15 Corporatism: Institutions, Labour, and Transnational Legacies

'Passing the Torch': Corporatism and Intellectual Continuities between the Irish Interwar and Present Far-Right.

Aneirin Stevenson – The University of Melbourne, Australia

Labour, representation of interests and the State: latent legacies of fascist corporatism in post-war democracy-building.

Laura Cerasi – Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy

The Italian Dopolavoro Ferroviario: Sport, Education, and Leisure for Railway Workers under Fascism.

Michelangelo Borri – University of Siena, Italy

Authoritarian, not totalitarian: transnational interactions and legal entanglements between Fascist Italy and the Lusophone 'New States'.

Leo Pavesi – Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Italy

Chair & Discussant

Melissa Teixeira – University of Pennsylvania, USA

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09.30 am - 11.00 am

Panel 19 Porous Boundaries: Fascism, Authoritarianism and Reactionary Conservatism in an Interdisciplinary Perspective

Authority and Temporality in Portugal's Estado Novo: Intellectuals, Culture and the Public Sphere.

Rita Almeida de Carvalho – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy: Resurgence of fascism or nostalgia for Christian Democracy?

Elisabetta Cassina Wolff – University of Oslo, Norway

Between Legitimization, Distancing and a Return to Ideological Roots: Conservatism in the US and Italy.

Eve Gianoncelli – CESSP/EHESS, France

What's in a Name? Strategic Self-Labeling on the Greek Far Right.

Sofia Tipaldou – Panteion University, Greece

Chair & Discussant

Pablo del Hierro – Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain

11.00 am - 11.15 am

Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm

Panel 20 Against Liberal Democracy in Latin America: Transnational Perspectives, Ideologies, and Projects of the Old and New Right

Fascism in the Suitcase: Mario Appelius's Endless Journey Around the Globe in Search of the Fascist Utopia.

Franco Savarino Roggero – National School of Anthropology and History, Mexico

In the Right Measure and Harmoniously: The Place of Democracy According to the Argentine Right.

Matías Grinchpun – University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Between Fascism and Illiberalism: El Yunque as Political Modernism.

José Mario Minutti Sierra – Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Meritorious Autonomous University of Puebla, Mexico

Chair & Discussant

Ángel Sánchez Rodríguez – University of Montreal, Canada

12.45 pm - 02.15 pm

Lunch break

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03.15 pm - 04.00 pm **Meet-the-author 5**

Alberto Spektorowski, *Intellectual Post-Fascism? The Conservative Revolution, Traditionalism and the Challenge to Liberal Democracy*. Cambridge University Press, 2025

Discussant

Riccardo Marchi – CEI/ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal

04.00 pm - 04.15 pm Coffee break

04.15 pm - 05.45 pm **Panel 21 Thinking Beyond Liberalism: Intellectual and Political Architectures from the Post-Liberal Right**

Community Against Society: The Catholic Post-Liberal Reassessment of Modernity.

Teresa Nogueira Pinto – Lusofona University-Campus of Lisbon, Portugal

Demography as Sovereignty: Post-Liberal Uses of Natalism in Transnational Perspective.

Daniela Silva – Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisboa, Portugal

Networks of Resistance: Post-Liberal Exploitation of Digital Media for Identitarian Mobilization.

Filipe Nobre Faria – Nova University, Lisbon, Portugal

Acting as a People: the place of Territory in the Contemporary Populist Imaginary.

Guilherme Marques Pedro – University of Groningen, Netherlands

'We are in a late republican period': The Fall of the Roman Republic in Far-Right Rhetoric.

João Paulo Simões Valério – Centre for History of the University of Lisbon, Portugal

Chair & Discussant

Riccardo Marchi – CEI/ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal

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09.30 am - 11.00 am **Panel 22 Intellectual Genealogies of the European New Right**

How not to think about the 'new' Far Right and ideology, intellectual antecedents and historical meaning: the case of Alain de Benoist's metapolitics.

Ángel Sánchez Rodríguez – University of Montreal, Canada

Palingenetic reconfigurations of fascist ideology after WWII: The Case of Guillaume Faye.

Carlos Manuel Martins – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

The Black network: Italian neo-fascists in Spain during the Transition.

Diego Zorli – University of Pisa, Italy

The Genesis of Far-Right Youth Culture in Italy: Between Protest and Armed Struggle (1968–1977).

Fabio Ferrarini – University of Milan, Italy

Chair & Discussant

Angel Alcalde – The University of Melbourne, Australia

11.00 am - 11.15 am Coffee break

11.15 am - 12.45 pm **Panel 23 Southern European Radical Right**

Remigration as a Transnational Illiberal Strategy: A Comparative Study of Chega and Fratelli d'Italia.

Stefano Simini – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

The continuity of ideological aspects in 'classical' fascism and identitarian nationalism in Portugal's 'groupuscular' extreme-right (1990–2010).

Gonçalo Guerreiro Santos – Centro de História, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal

Portuguese Decolonization and its Discontents: From the 1974

Carnation Revolution to the Resurgence of the Ultra-Radical Populist Right.

Pedro Aires Oliveira and Kiara Da Chão – IHC/NOVA FCSH and Central European University, Portugal

The Spanish Frente Nacional and European Integration between Accession and the Maastricht Treaty (1986–1993).

José Meroño Asenjo – Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Chair & Discussant

André Paris - ISCSP-ULisboa

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12.45 pm - 02.15 pm Lunch break

03.15 pm - 04.00 pm **Meet-the-author 6**

Constantin Iordachi and Goran Miljan, eds, *Radicalization and Fascism in the Ustaša*, Bloomsbury, 2025

Discussant

Aristotle Kallis – Keele University, UK

04.00 pm - 04.15 pm Coffee break

04.15 pm - 05.45 pm **Panel 24 Gender, Race, and Fascist Ideology: Past and Present**

Fascism, Race and Political Order: Racial Capitalism and Black Radical Antifascism.

Kian Aspinall – University of Cambridge, UK

Medievalism, gender and politicised nostalgia in the British extreme right, 1962–1982.

Rachel Moss – University of Northampton, UK

Weaponizing the Margins: Rhetorical Destruction and the Fascist Appropriation of Queer Discourse.

Trent M. Kays – Augusta University, USA

Chair & Discussant

Aristotle Kallis – Keele University, UK

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10.00 am - 11.30 am **Panel 25 Brazilian Integralism in Transnational Perspective**

Performing Camaraderie, Camaraderie as a Performance: an Interpretation of contacts between Brazilian and Spanish Fascists.
Borja Pérez Climent – Universitat de València, Spain

A transnational fascist: Domenico Pellegrini Giampietro between Italy and Brazil (1922–1951).
Fabio Gentile – Federal University of Ceará, Fortaleza, Brazil

Between Getúlio Vargas and Plínio Salgado: Italian Fascism and Integralist conspiracies.
Alvaro Bianchi – University of Campinas, Brazil

Chair & Discussant

Goffredo Adinolfi – CIES/ISCTE, Portugal

11.30 am - 11.45 am Coffee break

12.45 pm - 02.00 pm Lunch break

02.00 pm - 02.45 pm **Meet-the-author 7**

Duncan Simpson, Salazar's PIDE and Portuguese Society. A history of the political police from below. Bloomsbury, 2026

Discussant

Alexander Keese – Université de Genève, Switzerland

02.45 pm - 04.15 pm **Panel 26 Fascist Internationalism: Networks, Conferences, Global Actors**

'On 'global fascist actors' as a historical category: methodological thoughts and a case study.
Angel Alcalde – The University of Melbourne, Australia

The Past and Present of Fascist Internationalism.
Martin Kristoffer Hamre – Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Fascist Voices Abroad: Political Conferences as strategy for the Diffusion of Radical Ideas (1922–1945).
Claire Lorenzelli – Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3) / ENS de Lyon, France

'Mobilise the Poets': The Fiume and Irish Question in the Immediate Aftermath of the First World War.
Thomas Delaney – Maynooth University, Ireland

Chair & Discussant

Duncan Simpson – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

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10.00 am - 11.30 am **Panel 27 War and Axis Rule: Integration and Imperial Entanglements**

The Transimperial Dimension of Axis Rule.
Daniel Hedinger – Leipzig University, Germany

Foes and Allies: Romania and Hungary within the Axis Alliance.
Constantin Iordachi – Central European University, Vienna, Austria

Twilight and Resurgence of Fascist Institutions in Mussolini's Repubblica Sociale Italiana (1943–1945).
Goffredo Adinolfi – ISCTE-Lisbon

Negotiating Occupation: Albania between Italian Fascist Imperial Community and the Nazi New Order, 1939–1944.
Enriketa Pandelejmoni – University of Tirana, Albania

Chair & Discussant

Janis Mimura – State University of New York, USA

11.30 am - 11.45 am Coffee break

12.45 pm - 02.00 pm Lunch break

02.00 pm - 02.45 pm **Meet-the-author 8**

Aristotle Kallis, *Iconic Fascism. The Excess of Destruction and Creation in Interwar Radical Right-Wing Politics*. London, Bloomsbury, 2026

Discussant

Constantin Iordachi – CEU, Vienna, Austria

02.45 pm - 04.15 pm **Panel 28 Democracy Under Siege – by Design: Architecture and Built Environment as Authoritarian Apparatus**

Architecture, Labour, and Everyday Life at the Salazar Dam Construction Site (1936–1949).
Rita Almeida de Carvalho – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

Sovereignty and the urban plan: inscribing Fascism on Italian cityscapes in the 1930s.
Aristotle Kallis – Keele University, UK

Slums, Sinks, and the Split Spiritual Biopolitics of the Technofascist Home.
María González Pendás – Cornell University, USA

Late Colonial urban regulation in Mozambique.
Nuno Domingos – ICS-ULisboa, Portugal

Chair & Discussant

Marta Prista – CRIA/NOVA FCSH, Lisboa, Portugal

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Room 2

20 JUNE

10.00 am - 11.30 am

Panel 29 The Milei/Bolsonaro Moment: Latin America's Contemporary Radical Right

It's the inflation, stupid! Populist appeal, democratic resilience and economic fragility in Milei's Argentina.

Andrés Malamud – ICS-Ulissboa, Portugal

La retórica del resentimiento en la derecha radical argentina.

Aproximación a la economía afectiva del mileísmo (2023–2025).

Germán Rosso – Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Take the bad and leave the good: how Bolsonaroism has appropriated the worst aspects of the Brazilian military dictatorship.

Daniel Azevedo Muñoz – Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain

Bolsonarismo e economia: a extrema direita brasileira do protecionismo ao livre mercado.

Lenon Campos Maschette – Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil

Chair & Discussant

Octávio Amorim Neto – Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

11.30 am - 11.45 am

Coffee break

12.45 pm - 02.00 pm

Lunch break

02.00 pm - 02.45 pm

Meet-the-author 9

António Costa Pinto and Goffredo Adinolfi, eds., Building Dictatorships under Axis Rule, London, Routledge, 2025

Discussant

Angel Alcalde – The University of Melbourne, Australia

02.45 am - 04.15 pm

Panel 30 Latin American Authoritarianism: State Violence and Comparative Transitions

Far-right Diffusion of Radical Ideas: Transnational diffusion of policing, intelligence, and political violence in Latin American Dictatorships.

Marco Castillo – The Graduate Center at the City University of New York, USA

Was the Pinochet government fascist?

Mario Sznajder – The Hebrew University, Israel

The Architecture of Persistence: Comparative Transitions from Military to Civilian Dictatorship – From Salazar to Suu Kyi.

Duarte Serrano – ICS-Universidade de Lisboa

Chair & Discussant

Octávio Amorim Neto – Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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09.30 am 11.00 am	Panel 4	Panel 1	Panel 7	Panel 10
11.00 am 11.15 am	Coffee break			
11.15 am 12.45 pm	Panel 5	Panel 2	Panel 8	Panel 11
12.45 pm 02.15 pm	Lunch break			
02.15 pm 03.45 pm	Panel 6	Panel 3	Panel 9	Panel 12
03.45 pm 04.00 pm	Coffee break			
04.00 pm 04.45 pm	Ongoing Research Session 1	Meet-the author 1	Meet-the author 2	Ongoing Research Session 2
04.45 pm 05.45 pm	Fascism before Fascism? Ceasarism as concept and history			

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11.15 am 12.45 pm	Panel 17	Panel 14	Panel 20	Panel 23
12.45 pm 02.15 pm	Lunch break			
02.15 pm 03.15 pm	Fascist Origins of the Axis: From the Fiume Venture to Manchukuo			
03.15 pm 04.00 pm	Meet-the author 4	Meet-the author 3	Meet-the author 5	Meet-the author 6
04.00 pm 04.15 pm	Coffee break			
04.15 pm 05.45 pm	Panel 18	Panel 15	Panel 21	Panel 24
05.45 pm 07.00 pm	Mapping and Extending the Field: A Celebration of António Costa Pinto's Contribution to Comparative Fascism Studies			

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20 JUNE

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09.30 am 10.00 am	Fascism, Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies			
10.00 am 11.30 am		Panel 25	Panel 27	Panel 29
11.30 am 11.45 am		Coffee break		
11.45 am 12.45 pm	Authoritarian Legacies and the Politics of History: How the Present Shapes the Past			
12.45 pm 02.00 pm		Lunch break		
02.00 pm 02.45 pm		Meet-the author 7	Meet-the author 8	Meet-the author 9
02.45 pm 04.15 pm		Panel 26	Panel 28	Panel 30