

THE ITALIAN HISTORICAL TRANSFORMATION: FROM UNIFICATION TO THE FASCIST ERA

BCSP – Fall 2019

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HOURS:

Monday 5pm-7pm

Wednesday 5pm-7pm

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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. He has been President of the Library System of the University, President of the Italian Society for the studies of Contemporary History (SISSCO) and is currently Director of the MA program in Journalism at UNIBO.

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: *Abbasso la guerra! Neutralisti in piazza alla vigilia della Prima guerra mondiale in Italia*, a c. di F. Cammarano, Le Monnier, 2015; *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, and *Delegitimization: A Useful Category for Political History*, in “Ricerche di Storia Politica”, 2017/Special Issue.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Classroom lectures and group discussions.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Italian

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT: participation (15%), weekly written assignments (45%), final written exam (30%), oral exam (10%).

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is mandatory. Only one absence will be tolerated. Additional absences due to illness must be justified by a doctor's note. **½ point will be reduced from the final grade** for every other absence.

If you cannot attend class, you will be expected to get information from your classmates about readings and assignments and to be prepared for the next class. Unjustified lateness will negatively affect your grade in class participation.

REQUIRED READINGS:

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

CALENDAR:

Monday, September 30, 2019 Wednesday, October 2, 2019	Presentation of course lesson
Monday, October 7, 2019 Wednesday, October 9, 2019	First test/lesson lesson
Monday, October 14, 2019 Wednesday, October 16, 2019	Second test/lesson lesson
Monday, October 21, 2019 Wednesday, October 23, 2019	Third test/lesson lesson
Monday, October 28, 2019 Wednesday, October 30, 2019	Fourth test/lesson lesson
Monday, November 4, 2019 Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Fifth test/lesson lesson
Monday, November 11, 2019 Wednesday, November 13, 2019	Sixth test/lesson lesson
Monday, November 18, 2019 Wednesday, November 20, 2019	Seventh test/lesson lesson
Monday, November 25, 2019 Wednesday, November 27, 2019	Eighth test/lesson Review for final test
Monday, December 2, 2019 Wednesday, December 4, 2019	Final written test Oral exam and final grade

Material assigned on WEDNESDAY October 2, 2019 (1^a quiz: MONDAY October 7, 2019)

- ch. 1.4: State and Society (pp. 10-13)
- ch. 1.5: Ideologies become political parties (pp. 14-18)
- ch. 2.1: Victorian England and the transformation of the political system in the years of Gladstone and Disraeli (pp. 24-28)
- ch. 2.3: Germany: the building of the empire in all its phases (pp. 34-37)

Material assigned on WEDNESDAY October 9, 2019 (2^a quiz: MONDAY October 14, 2019)

- ch. 2.2: France from the Second Empire to the Third Republic (pp. 28-34)
- ch. 2.3: Germany: the building of the empire in all its phases (pp. 38-40)
- ch. 2.5: Italy: the unification from Cavour to the fall of Crispi's government (pp. 41-45)

Material assigned on WEDNESDAY October 16, 2019 (3^a quiz: MONDAY October 21, 2019)

- ch. 2.5: Italy: the unification from Cavour to the fall of Crispi's government (pp. 46-49)
- ch. 2.7: Russia: an autocratic system (pp. 52-54)
- ch. 3.5: Africa: the dynamics of the colonization (pp. 74-78)

Material assigned on WEDNESDAY October 23, 2019 (4^a quiz: MONDAY October 28, 2019)

- ch. 4 (entire chapter): The imperialistic instances in the end-of-the-century crisis (pp. 79-99)

Material assigned on WEDNESDAY October 30, 2019 (5^a quiz: WEDNESDAY November 4, 2019)

- ch. 5 (entire chapter): WW1 and the clash between internationalism e nationalism (pp. 100-121)

Material assigned WEDNESDAY November 6, 2019 (6^a quiz: MONDAY November 11, 2019)

- ch. 6.2: Germany from Weimar to Hitler (pp. 125-130)
- ch. 6.3: Italy from the "biennio rosso" to the advent of Fascism (pp. 125-137)
- ch. 6.4: Fascism in power (pp. 137-144)
- ch. 6.5: Nazism and Hitler's political project (pp. 144-148)

Material assigned WEDNESDAY November 13, 2019 (7^a quiz: MONDAY November 18, 2019)

- ch. 6.6: Stalinism (pp. 148-152)
- ch. 6.7: The United States from WW1 to the New Deal (pp. 152-157)
- ch. 6.8: The crisis of 1929 in Europe (pp. 157-159)
- ch. 6.9: France and the UK: twenty years dominated by Conservative parties (pp. 159-162)
- ch. 6.10: The answer of Popular Fronts to the threats of Nazism and Fascism (pp. 163-165)
- ch. 6.11: Spain from the Second Republic to the Civil War (pp. 165-168)
- ch. 7.2: The failure of the Versailles system (pp. 172-177)
- ch. 7.3: The taming of Hitler: politics of appeasement (pp. 177-180)

Material assigned WEDNESDAY December 20, 2019 (8^a quiz: MONDAY November 25, 2019)

- ch. 8 (entire chapter): WW2 (pp. 181-203)