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# **Among Empires: Transimperial Circulation of Political Models**

## The Case of Four "Latecomers" (Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Japan)

Turin & Vercelli, 13-14 February 2025

Day 1 Aula Lauree Rossa, Campus Einaudi, Lungo Dora Siena 100, Turin

13.00 Welcome

14.00 Greetings and introduction: Paolo Fonzi and Olindo de Napoli

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14.00-15.15 Panel 1

### Japan and the European Models of Colonial Rule

Chair: Andrea Revelant, Ca'Foscari University of Venice

Tomoko Akami (European University Institute and Australian National University), 'Meaning of a congruent empire model and internal colonization: the Japanese empire and the continental European empires, 1905-1944'

Francesco Paolo Cioffo (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), 'The Raj as the blueprint: the Japanese rediscovery of India and the search for a Trans-Imperial colonial structure'

15.15-16.30 Panel 2

### Japan, Italy and Germany: The Politics of Mutual Comparison

Chair: Paolo Fonzi, University of Naples "Federico II"

Nicola Bassoni (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), 'Confronting an Uneasy Model: Representations of Japan's Latecomer Empire in National Socialist Germany and Fascist Italy'

Jing Sun (University of Tokyo), 'A Way Out of the Malthusian Trap: Food and Population Problems in Japan and the Making of Geopolitik 1900s-1930s'

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break



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#### 17.00-18.15 Panel 3

#### Italy's Perspective on other Empires

Chair: Barbara Curli, University of Turin

Luca Castiglioni (eCampus University), 'Comparing Empires: The Dodecanese in Fascist Italy's Colonial Debates'

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Giovanni Costenaro (European University Institute), 'Subjects or Citizens? Fascism's Eurafrica, the Roman empire and the question of colonial belonging at the transimperial Volta Congresses on Europe and Africa, 1932-38'

20.00 Dinner

#### Day 2 Sala Riunioni 3, Palazzo Tartara, Via Galileo Ferraris 107-109, Vercelli

10.00-11.15 Panel 4

Education and Empire Building in the Italian Empire: a Transimperial Perspective

Chair: Arlena Buelli, University of Naples "Federico II"

Caterina Scalvedi (Indiana University), 'Colonial Education, Italy, and the Politics of Comparison: A Latecomer Empire in International Networks, 1900-1940'

Martino Oppizzi (École française de Rome), 'From the empire to the children: Italian schools abroad as laboratories of transimperial policies'

11.15-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-13.00 Panel 5

Italy's and Belgium's Empires seen "from the outside"

Chair: Olindo de Napoli, University of Naples "Federico II"

Arlena Buelli (University of Naples "Federico II"), 'The Italian Latecomer Empire through Colonial Eyes: "Anticolonial Politics of Comparison" and 1930s Pan-Arab Publics'

Hatice Ugur (Marmara University), 'Muhammad Muhtar: A Belgian Muslim in Transimperial Networks of Ottoman Diplomacy and African Colonial Encounters (1889-1892)'

**13.00 Concluding Remarks** 

13.30 Light Lunch



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