

# The Global Mediterranean and the Long Second World War

## University of Naples Federico II



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**Andrea Mazzucchi**

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*People in Motion. Civilian and Military Experiences of Mobility*

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

**Department of Humanities, Aula DSU 5**

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*Regional Nodes of Power, Conflict, and Connectivity*

**Chair: Paolo Fonzi** (University of Naples Federico II)

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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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Chair: **Andrea D'Onofrio**

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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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**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

Chair: **Marco Maria Aterrano**  
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