

How did the experience of autocratic government inform the way in which politicians developed new policies in Germany, France and Italy after the end of the Second World War? What conclusions did politicians draw from their past experiences with totalitarianism? Did a new 'generation' of leaders with shared democratic ideas acquire the leading positions of these countries? Did any kind of exchange, transfer or international collaboration exist or did politicians act exclusively within their particular national context? Finally: Was the experience with totalitarian regimes kept alive in public memory and did people try to develop and implement progressive, forward-thinking ideas of social organisation? Taking these central questions as a starting point, specific issues can be raised about each respective country, which will reflect the contrast between the occupied and collaborating states of France and Italy on the one hand and Nazi Germany on the other. Covering the period between 1945 and 1960, the workshop aims to provide some initial answers to these questions from a comparative point of view. It also strives to analyse whether the year 1945 should be regarded as a break with the past or as the beginning of a phase of continuity in Germany, France and Italy in terms of how they envisioned a democratic society.

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## **A New 'Generation' of Democratic Politicians? Models of Political and Social Progress in Germany, France, and Italy between Dictatorship and the Cold War**

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## Wednesday, 18 April, 14.00-19.30

- 14 | 00 **Michael Matheus** Rome  
Welcome
- 14 | 10 **Jens Späth** Rome  
Introduction

### Section I: Identity and Education

Chair: Steffen Prauser Paris

- 14 | 30 **Sebastian Gehrig** Cambridge/Heidelberg  
Coping with the 'Provisional State':  
The Road towards a Legal and Political West  
German Cold War Home Front, 1945-1960
- 15 | 00 **Tania Rusca** Genoa  
(Re-)Founding a Democratic Generation:  
Primary School Policy and Textbooks in Italy  
and Germany after the Second World War  
(1945-1960). A Comparative View
- 16 | 00 Discussion
- 16 | 20 Coffee Break

### Section II: Intellectuals and Élites

Chair: Lutz Klinkhammer Rome

- 16 | 40 **Dominik Rigoll** Jena  
The Forest for the Trees. What Historians  
Might Discover by Reading Jean Améry  
and Eugen Kogon
- 17 | 10 **Mauve Carbonell** Luxembourg  
The Influence of the Second World War on  
the Career Paths of the European Elite:  
the Case of the Members of the High Authority  
of the ECSC, 1952-1967
- 17 | 40 Discussion
- 18 | 00 *Public Keynote Lecture*  
**Andreas Wirsching** Munich  
Towards a New Political Culture? Totalitarian  
Experience and Democratic Reconstruction  
after 1945
- 19 | 00 Reception

## Thursday, 19 April, 9.00-13.30

### Section III: Socialist Politics and Memory

Chair: Martin Baumeister Munich

- 09 | 00 **Jan de Graaf** Portsmouth  
Using Prewar History to Defend Postwar  
Decisions. SFIO and PSI Arguments on the  
Local, National and Transnational Levels,  
1943-1958
- 09 | 30 **Brian Shaev** Pittsburgh  
Inheriting Horror: French Socialists,  
German Social Democrats, and the Fight  
for a Democratic, Peaceful Future, 1945-1960
- 10 | 00 **Jens Späth** Rome  
Two 'Difficult Outsiders':  
Antifascism and Democracy in Lelio Basso  
and Wilhelm Hoegner
- 10 | 30 Discussion
- 11 | 00 Coffee Break

### Section IV: The Economic and International Affairs

Chair: Jens Späth Rome

- 11 | 20 **Christine Vodovar** Rome  
French and Italian Socialists and the  
Economic and Social Renewal after the  
Second World War
- 11 | 50 **Enrico Pugliese** Reading  
French and Italian Socialist Parties and the  
New Internationalism (1945-1957)
- 12 | 20 Discussion
- 12 | 40 **Steffen Prauser** Paris  
Comments and Conclusions
- 13 | 00 Lunch