

THE SOUTH IN POST-WAR EUROPE:

According to the mainstream discourse of the Cold War, "Western Europe" after 1945 appears to be essentially a homogeneous historical space fully integrated into the context of modern industrial societies. In the second half of the 20th century, however, the so called Western European societies were divided by deep inequalities both on the political and economic level. While States in the north embodied consolidated democracies, Spain, Portugal and Greece were, for shorter or longer periods, authoritarian regimes. At the same time, these countries were deeply afflicted with underdevelopment, which cut them off from the "economic miracles" other European states were experiencing. With its "weak democracy", Italy had a contradictory position on the edge between the "backwardness" in the Iberian and Greek peninsulas and the "progress" in the neighbouring countries beyond the Alps. At the beginning of the 21th century the old inequalities were believed to belong to the past, until the debt crisis appeared to be splitting apart the continent once again. The conference raises the question whether "Southern Europe" - as this area may be referred to from a geopolitical and socio-historical rather than from a geographical point of view - is useful as an analytical tool for contemporary history.

Conference attendance is free, but pre-registration is required. Please e-mail Monika Kruse, kruse@dhi-roma.it

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THE SOUTH
IN POST-WAR EUROPE
ITALY, GREECE, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

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THURSDAY 27 JUNE

PROLOGUE

9:15 - 10:30 am

Introduction

Martin Baumeister (Rome), Roberto Sala (Basel)

"Southern Europe since 1945"

A conversation with Giulio Sapelli (Milan)

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 11:00 am

SESSION I

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

HISTORICAL REGIONS AND MENTAL MAPPING IN POST-WAR EUROPE

Chair: Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

Discussant: Bernhard Struck (St Andrews)

"Centre" and "Periphery" in Western Europe

Patricia Hertel (Basel) (with Martin Lengwiler, Basel)

The Master Narratives of "Modernization" and "Modernity"

Wolfgang Knöbl (Göttingen)

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Unsettling the Divide: Postcoloniality, Multiple Modernities
and Europeanization on the Mediterranean Periphery

Gisela Welz (Frankfurt)

Southern Europe and Historical Regions in Post-War Europe:
Fragmentation and Conceptualization

Guido Franzinetti (Alessandria)

SESSION II

3:45 – 5:15 pm

STRUCTURES, DISCOURSES AND BORDERS

Chair: Stefano Cavazza (Bologna)

Discussant: Martin Baumeister (Rome)

Italy, Portugal, Greece and Spain in Social Scientific Studies

Martin Rhodes (Denver)

Southern Eastern Europe and Southern (Western) Europe

Marie-Janine Calic (Munich)

COFFEE BREAK

5:15 - 5:45 pm

5:45 - 7:15 pm

Southern France: Algeria and the Midi between
Colonization and Decolonization

Manuel Borutta (Bochum)

The Edges of What, the Periphery of Whom?

Practising Discourses of Modernity in Turkey,
1950s to 1980s

Heinrich Hartmann (Basel)

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

SESSION III

9:15 – 10:45 am

BETWEEN AUTHORITARIANISM AND DEMOCRACY

Chair: Roberto Sala (Basel)

Discussant: Federico Romero (Florence)

The Cold War, Southern Europe and the Democratic
Transitions of the 1970s

Mario Del Pero (Bologna)

Southern European Dictatorships in Transnational Discourse
and Historiography

Till Koessler (Bochum)

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:15 am

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Patterns of European Integration in Southern Europe.

A Political-historical Study of the Impact
of the Periphery on the Development of the European Union

José M. Magone (Berlin)

Political Culture in Southern Europe:

Searching for Exceptionalism

Mariano Torcal Lorient (Barcelona)

SESSION IV

2:15 – 4:30 pm

ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Chair: Martin Rhodes (Denver)

Discussant: Roberto Sala (Basel)

From Endemic Poverty to Consumer Society

Stefano Cavazza (Bologna)

Public Debt and Economic Development in Southern Europe

Alexander Nützenadel (Berlin)

Welfare Balance Between State and Family.

A Southern Configuration?

Claude Martin (Rennes)

COFFEE BREAK

4:30 – 5:00 pm

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Education and Economic Development

Antonio Schizzerotto (Trento)

From Emigration to Immigration Countries

Michele Colucci (Naples)

ROUND TABLE AND CONCLUSIONS

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Mario Del Pero (Bologna), Claudio Fogu (San Diego),
Johannes Paulmann (Mainz) and Martin Rhodes (Denver)

Moderation: Martin Baumeister (Rome)