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Italian politics. International change and domestic transformation

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Area of study:	International Relations
Area Code:	IR/PO325
Method of Instruction:	in-person
Participation:	synchronous

Description

Contemporary international processes have underlined Italy's role as a political border between the East (Russia and China) and the West (the United States and its Atlantic allies); between the North (Europe) and the South (the Middle East and North Africa); between developed and developing countries; between 'the decline of the West and the rise of the Rest'. How are contemporary international processes influencing Italian politics? How is Italy transforming because of international politics and adapting to international change? Are contemporary international transformations influencing Italian traditional socio-political features (mafias, Catholicism, familism, migration policies, etc.) therefore softening their specificity?

Upon successful completion of the course, students will have a solid grasp of Italian political and social structures; they will be familiar with the most important issues in the contemporary Italian debate, and aware of processes of change in its political constituencies, parties and stakeholders, foreign policies, and identities. In addition, they will have knowledge on how contemporary international and intra-State political and social structures relate to and influence each other.

Course contents

The course is divided into two parts. The first part focuses on the construction of and change in Italian political and social structures in relation to the international system and its transformation; the second part focuses on contemporary domestic socio-political (including identity, ideology, interests, and goals of contemporary Italian political parties) and international issues that are transforming Italian politics and its foreign policy. Domestic socio-political issues will be discussed by comparing them to the Mexican and United States cases.

Prerequisites

The course is an introduction to the politics and international politics of Italy; therefore, it can be approached by students of all backgrounds. A background in political science, international politics, and/or comparative politics could be helpful but is not required.

Method of instruction

The first part of the course will consist of lectures. In the second part of the course, and depending on the number of students, some issues will be introduced by a student or small group presentation (20-30 minutes), which can be supported by the assigned readings. The issues raised by the presentation and by the readings will foster a discussion led by the instructors, which will constitute the bulk of the class. The instructors will then conclude by briefly (10-15 minutes) summarizing the most important points made during the discussion.



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Course requirements

- a. Students are expected to regularly attend sessions and to actively take part in debate;
- b. Before each class, students are expected to have read the compulsory readings (and are strongly advised to read the recommended readings);
- c. Students are required to orally present one of the topics outlined in the syllabus according to the instructor's instructions;
- d. Students will have to take a final written exam.

Credits

6 ECTS

Grading

Presentation	1/3 of final grade
Final written exam	2/3 of final grade

Course readings and materials

All readings and materials can be downloaded from the dedicated course blackboard pages (<http://blackboard.unicatt.it>) or be accessed through links. Further instructions on the downloading procedure will be provided in class. Both readings and lectures/class activities are crucial components of the course and are interrelated.

Instructor bio

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Kimber Quinney is an Associate Professor of History at the California State University, San Marcos, where she teaches courses on the history of U.S. foreign policy, immigration, and the history of political extremism in the United States—among other topics. She holds an M.A. in international relations and a PhD in history, with a specialization in the history of American foreign relations. She studies the history of U.S. foreign policy toward Italy in the Second World War, focusing on Italian antifascist resistance and diaspora in the United States.
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Course Schedule



Lesson	Date	Topic	Main Reading/Course Material
FIRST PART. THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND ITALY			
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INTRODUCTION ● THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND ORDER 	<u>Recommended Reading</u> Väyrynen R., "Bipolarity, Multipolarity, and Domestic Political Systems", <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> 32:3 (1995) 361-371 Ikenberry J. G., <i>After Victory. Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars</i> , Princeton University Press, 2001, 21-49
2		MULTIPOLARITY AND ITALY: FROM THE 'BIRTH' OF THE STATE TO THE II WORLD WAR	<u>Required Reading</u> Jervis, R., "A Political Science Perspective on the Balance of Power and the Concert", <i>The American Historical Review</i> , 97(3) (1992) 716–724. https://doi.org/10.2307/2164776 Beales, D. & Biagini F. E., <i>The Risorgimento and the Unification of Italy</i> , Taylor and Francis, 2014, 114-133 DOI: 10.4324/9781315839004 https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.ezproxy.unicatt.it/lib/unicatt-ebooks/reader.action?docID=1741871
<p><i>MOVIE: Luchino Visconti, Il gattopardo -The Leopard (1963), based on Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's novel (1958)</i></p>			
3		BIPOLARITY AND ITALY: THE 'FIRST REPUBLIC'	<u>Required Reading</u> Guzzini S., "The 'Long Night of the First Republic': Years of Clientelistic Implosion in Italy." <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> , . 2 (1) 1995, 27–61. JSTOR, http://www.jstor.org/stable/4177133
		FIELD TRIP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MEMORIALE DELLA SHOAH ● PIAZZALE LORETO 	



4		<p>UNIPOLARITY AND ITALY: THE 'SECOND (AND THIRD?) REPUBLIC'</p>	<p><u>Recommended Reading</u></p> <p>Cladi L., Webber M., "Italian Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Period: A Neoclassical Realist Approach", <i>European Security</i> 20:2 (2011) 205–19</p>
<p>SECOND PART. CONTEMPORARY DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS</p>			
5		<p>ISSUES through a comparative approach (Mexico and the US): MIGRATION, REGIONALISM, MAFIAS, ECONOMIC DECLINE, FAMILY AND FAMILISM, CATHOLICISM, NATIONAL IDENTITY</p> <p>Presentations</p>	<p><u>Recommended Reading</u></p> <p>Armao F., "Mafia-owned democracies: Italy and Mexico as patterns of criminal neoliberalism", <i>Tiempo devorado</i>, 2(1), 2015, 0004-21</p> <p>Garelli F., "The public relevance of the church and Catholicism in Italy", <i>Journal of Modern Italian Studies</i>, 12:1, 2007, 8-36, DOI: 10.1080/13545710601132722</p> <p>Simoni, M.. "Institutional roots of economic decline: Lessons from Italy", <i>Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana Di Scienza Politica</i>, 50(3), 2020, 382-397. doi:10.1017/ipo.2019.41</p> <p>Koenig-Archibugi M., "National and European Citizenship: The Italian Case in Historical Perspective", <i>Citizenship Studies</i>, 7:1, 2003, 85-109, DOI: 10.1080/1362102032000048710</p> <p>Foot J. , "How Italian Football Creates Italians: The 1982 World Cup, the 'Pertini Myth' and Italian National Identity", <i>The International Journal of the History of Sport</i>, 33:3, 2016, 341-358, DOI: 10.1080/09523367.2016.1175440</p> <p>Costabile A., Coco A., "Social actors and social ties in multiple modernity: Familism and social change in the South of Italy", <i>European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology</i>, 4:1, 2017, 76-99, DOI: 10.1080/23254823.2017.1274119</p> <p>Dennison J., Geddes A., "The centre no longer holds: the Lega, Matteo Salvini and the remaking of Italian immigration politics", <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i>, 48:2, 2022, 441-460, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2020.1853907</p>
<p>MOVIE: Il giorno della civetta - The Day of the Owl (1968), based on Leonardo Sciascia's novel (1961)</p>			



6		<p>THE MAIN POLITICAL PARTIES: IDENTITY, GOALS, CONSTITUENCIES, DISCOURSES</p>	<p><u>Recommended Reading</u></p> <p>Ventura S. "The Italian Democratic Party from Merger to Personalism", <i>South European Society and Politics</i>, 23:1, 2018, 181-196, DOI: 10.1080/13608746.2018.1440483</p> <p>Mosca L., Tronconi F., "Beyond left and right: the eclectic populism of the Five Star Movement", <i>West European Politics</i>, 42:6, 2019, 1258-1283</p> <p>Albertazzi D., Giovannini A., Seddone A., " 'No regionalism please, we are Leghisti!' The transformation of the Italian Lega Nord under the leadership of Matteo Salvini", <i>Regional & Federal Studies</i>, 28:5, 2018, 645-671, DOI: 10.1080/13597566.2018.1512977</p> <p>Raniolo F., "Forza Italia: A Leader with a Party", <i>South European Society and Politics</i>, 11:3-4, 2006, 439-455, doi: 10.1080/13608740600856470</p> <p>Sondel-Cedarmas J., "Giorgia Meloni's new Europe, Europe of sovereign nations in the Brothers of Italy party manifestos", in Sondel-Cedarmas J., Berti F. (eds.), <i>The Right-Wing Critique of Europe. Nationalist, Sovereignist and Right-Wing Populist Attitudes to the EU</i>, Routledge, 2022, 60-75</p>
7		<p>ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES</p>	<p><u>Required Reading</u></p> <p>Nation R.G., "Intra-Alliance Politics. Italian-American Relations 1946-2010", in Giacomello G., Verbeek B. (eds.) <i>Italy's Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century. The New Assertiveness of an Aspiring Middle Power</i>, Lexington Books, 2011, 29-54 Available at https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.ezproxy.unicatt.it/lib/unicatt-ebooks/detail.action?docID=860105&pq-origsite=summon</p>
8		<p>ITALY and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EUROPEAN UNION - The MEDITERRANEAN - RUSSIA - CHINA 	<p><u>Required Reading</u></p> <p>Giacomello G. and Verbeek B., "'It's the Perception, Stupid!' Italy's Hard Life as a Middle Power", in Giacomello G., Bertjan V. (eds.) <i>Italy's Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century. The New Assertiveness of an Aspiring Middle Power</i>, Lexington Books, 2011, 13-28. Available at https://ebookcentral-proquest-</p>



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