



## Modern Italian History – CAS HI 262 a.y. 2012/2013 – Summer School

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### The Course

The history of Italy in modern times is the history of a “young” country transformed in a short range of time from an agricultural economy to an industrial and post-industrial one. A country full of contradictions, in which the political movement called Fascism was invented and then defeated after twenty years by a new Republican democracy based on the interesting cooperation between democratic and conservative Christians, Socialists, Communists and Liberals.

We will start examining the meaning of two basic dates for the history of Italy: “Caporetto” (October 1917) and “September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1943”. We will devote a great deal of attention to the transformations of the Country starting from the years of the first World War, passing through the Fascist era and the modernization in the second part of the XX century. We'll devote attention to the relationship between Italy and Europe.

The course is held in **Italian**. It is composed of 42 hours (21 classes of two hours each, with breaks). Students are requested to give short presentations during class on the topics of each lesson. A **class presentation** is also required. The presentation will be **in Italian** and will last about 15 minutes. During the lessons students will see videos and films related to the topic of the course and will read and debate articles from the newspapers trying to connect the problems of today's Italy to its history. We'll devote a field trip to the “Museo del Risorgimento e della Storia Contemporanea”.

### Exam

**Two written quiz** and a **Final exam**. The Final exam will be in Italian.

Quiz: 20/30 minutes, 10 multiple choice questions and 5 general questions with short answers.

Final exam: 2 hours, 5 general questions with short answers and one general composition on an assigned topic.

## **GRADING CRITERIA**

Attendance and active class participation: 10 %

1st Quiz: 10%

2nd Quiz: 10%

Short reviews in class: 15%

Class presentation: 25 %

Final exam: 30 %

## Bibliography

Each student should use the book **Guido Crainz, *L'Italia repubblicana*, Giunti, Firenze 2000** and should purchase a **Copy pack** from BU.

### Added useful Bibliography:

Paul Ginsborg. *A History of Contemporary Italy: Society and Politics, 1943-1988*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York 2003

Simona Colarizi, *Storia del Novecento italiano*, BUR, Milano 2000

Alberto De Bernardi – Luigi Ganapini, *Storia d'Italia. 1860-1995*, Bruno Mondadori, Milano 1996

Silvio Lanaro, *Storia dell'Italia repubblicana*, Marsilio, Venezia 1992

Aurelio Lepre, *Storia della prima Repubblica. L'Italia dal 1943 al 1998*, Mulino, Bologna 1993

Raffaele Romanelli (a cura di), *Storia dello Stato Italiano*, Donzelli, Roma 1995

David Bidussa (a cura di), *Siamo Italiani*, Chiarelettere, Milano 2007

## **Attendance**

Boston University Study Abroad Padua students are expected to attend each and every class session, tutorial, and field trips required for the class. Students should note that attendance will be taken into account by faculty when determining final grades. Students absent from class for medical reasons need to provide a local doctor's note.

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Simply stated, **plagiarism** is taking another's work and presenting it as you own.

Dictionary definitions of plagiarism frequently include terms such as 'theft' or 'steal'. Plagiarism is, in fact, intellectual theft. It is one of the most serious forms of academic misconduct. Plagiarism committed by a student will certainly result in course failure and may result in suspension or dismissal. For more details please see Boston University's *Code of Student Responsibilities*: <http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities/>

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## Schedule of the Course

<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Italian keywords</b>	<b>Events</b>
<b>17/6</b>	Introduction to the course. Definition of the history and geography of Contemporary Italy. Sources and problems		Risorgimento Italia Liberale Regime Fascista Repubblica Unità Regionalismo	Assignment of topics for the <b>Class presentation</b>
<b>18/6</b>	Caporetto and September 8th, 1943: The death of the country? Italy in WWI	Simona Colarizi, <i>Storia del Novecento Italiano</i> , pp. 69-100	Patria Caporetto Otto Settembre Nazione	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>19/6</b>		Power Point nr.1: overview on the history of contemporary Italy		<b>Field trip to the “Museo di Storia del Risorgimento e dell’età Contemporanea”</b>
<b>20/6</b>	After WWI: social and political conflicts that led to the advent of Fascism	Capra-Chittolini-Della Peruta, <i>Storia Contemporanea, La crisi dello Stato Liberale in Italia e l’avvento del fascismo</i> , pp. 571-586	Fiume Biennio Rosso Squadrisimo Marcia su Roma	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>24/6</b>	Emergence and consolidation of the Fascist regime. The anti-fascist diaspora	Capra-Chittolini-Della Peruta, <i>Storia Contemporanea, Il fascismo al potere</i> , pp. 596-619.	Matteotti Aventino Discorso del Bivacco Democrazia Totalitarismo	<b>Newspaper reading</b>

<b>25/6</b>	The years of consent. Imperialist wars. The racial laws	Power point nr.2: Fascism in Italy	Patti Lateranensi Consenso Dopolavoro Etiopia Razza	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>26/6</b>	WWII, the Resistance and the Italian Social Republic (RSI)	Milza-Bernstein, <i>Storia del fascismo, La fine del fascismo</i> , pp.462-486	Nazismo Guerra Russia Italiani brava gente	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>27/6</b>	WWII, the Resistance and the Italian Social Republic (RSI)	Leonardo Paggi, <i>Resistenza</i> , in De Grazia-Luzzatto (a cura di), <i>Dizionario del fascismo</i> , pp. 501-506	Guerra civile Salò Piazzale Loreto Antifascismo	<b>QUIZ nr. 1 (20-30 min. max)</b>
<b>1/7</b>	“Piccoli Maestri”, film by Daniele Lucchetti (1998). War and Resistance in Padua			<b>FILM</b>
<b>2/7</b>	The Constituent Assembly and the birth of the Republican Constitution. Institutional continuity and discontinuity	Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 1, pp. 8-35	Repubblica Donne Amnistia Assemblea Costituente	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>3/7</b>	Il sistema dei partiti politici. La <i>Democrazia Cristiana</i>	Power point nr. 3: The “Assemblea Costituente”	Dottrina sociale della Chiesa Balena bianca Partito	<b>Newspaper reading</b>

<b>4/7</b>	The system of political parties. The Communist Party (PCI) and the Socialist Party (PSI)	Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 2, pp.36-47	Unione Sovietica Egemonia Cultura Ungheria	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>8/7</b>	Industrialization and economic "miracle"	Power point nr. 4: new economic trends in contemporary Italy	Piano Marshall Piano del Lavoro Riforma agraria Piano case	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>9/7</b>	Industrialization and economic "miracle"	Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 2, pp. 47-59	Disoccupazione Industria di Stato ENI Migrazioni	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>10/7</b>	"Mio fratello è figlio unico" film by Daniele Lucchetti (2007) . The younger generations born in Italy after WWII.			<b>FILM</b>
<b>11/7</b>	La crisi economica e le lotte sociali	Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 3, pp.60-76	Consumismo Televisione 500 Fiat Sciopero Centro-Sinistra	<b>QUIZ nr.2 (20-30 min. max)</b>
<b>12/7</b>				<b>Program field trip (Aquileia-Gorizia)</b>
<b>15/7</b>	Crisi economica e lotte sociali: le diverse face del terrorismo	Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 3, pp.77-87	Riformismo Golpe Terrorismo Classe operaia	<b>Newspaper reading</b>

<b>16/7</b>		Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 4, pp.88-99		<b><u>Visit to the places of the institutions: Padua's Town Hall</u></b>
<b>17/7</b>	Gli anni della recessione, fra crisi economica e conquiste sociali  Conclusione del corso	Guido Crainz, <i>L'Italia repubblicana</i> , Giunti, Firenze 2000, chapter 4, pp.100-109	Divorzio Aborto Austerità Inflazione	<b>Newspaper reading</b>
<b>18/7</b>				<b>Class Presentation</b>
<b>22/7</b>				<b>Final Exam</b>