History 125
FASCIST EUROPE

The seminar studies the European societies torn by war, revolution, and economic turmoil that gave rise to fascist movements and regimes. Since the early 1920s, historians and political theorists have debated the precise nature of fascism: whether or not it constituted a coherent set of political ideas, values, or practices, and whether or not it could be considered a truly international phenomenon. Can we speak, for example, of a specifically fascist system of government, of economy, of political culture and ideology, or of politics? If so, whose interests did it represent and how? Was there a fascist economic model? Who joined fascist movements and why? How did activists in early fascist movements relate to later fascist regimes? Why were fascists utterly obsessed by issues of national, sexual, and (sometimes) racial identity? Was fascism an exclusively inter-war phenomenon, the product or reflection of particular circumstances in European history, or does it have some application to later periods and places? These are only a few of the questions the seminar will explore, always keeping in mind that the main focus is not simply on fascism—a phenomenon whose character was debatable—but rather on the conditions that produced it.

Seminar sessions are organized around the following general topics:

1) Introduction
2) World War I, Revolution and Counterrevolution (1 week)
3) Italy (4 weeks)
4) Germany (5 weeks)
5) Fascism in France (1 week)
6) Fascism and Nazism in the East (1 week)
7) Fascism, War, and the Holocaust (1 week)

Although no session is devoted specifically to discussing theories of fascism, patterns of explanation constitute a critical component of each session.
Basic Texts

The following books (latest paperback editions) have been ordered for you at the College Bookstore. They have also been placed on the Honors Reserve shelf at McCabe.

Alexander De Grand, Italian Fascism. Its Origins and Development
Jane Caplan, ed., Nazi Germany (Short Oxford History of Germany).
Richard J. Evans, The Coming of the Third Reich
P. Fritzsche, Life and Death in the Third Reich
Robert Paxton, The Anatomy of Fascism
Detlev Peukert, Inside Nazi Germany. Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life

Resources:

Please be aware that the library (and J-STOR among others) has a very strong collection of periodicals with excellent articles on several topics related to European Fascism. Most of the assigned and suggested articles may be accessed online through TRIPOD. In addition to the books on the Honor’s Reserve Shelf, there are also many excellent works available to you, particularly in the Germany and Italy general sections of the stacks in McCabe.

Some Useful Periodicals (and their abbreviations in the syllabus):

American Historical Review AHR
Austrian History Yearbook AHY (shelved as individual books, DB1.A772)
Central European History CEH
Contemporary European History ContEH
Economic History Review EcHR
German Studies Review GSR
Historical Journal HJ
History Workshop HistWorkshop
Journal of Contemporary History JContHist
Journal of Economic History EcH
Journal of Modern History JMH
Journal of Social History JSH
New York Review of Books NYR
Past and Present P&P
Slavic review SR
Some (of many) Collections, Surveys, Syntheses:

G. Albanese and R. Pergher, In the Society of Fascists, Acclamation, Acquiescence, and Agency in Mussolini’s Italy (2012) (available as E-book)
R. Bessel, ed., Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany: Comparisons and Contrasts (1996) H
M. Blinkhorn, Fascism and the Right in Europe (2000)
R. J. B. Bosworth, Mussolini’s Italy. Life Under the Dictatorship (2006)
M. Blinkhorn, ed., Fascists and Conservatives, (1990) H
Istvan Deak, Essays on Hitler’s Europe (2001) H
R. Defelice, Interpretations of Fascism (1977). H
R. Evans, The Third Reich in Power (2005) H
JContHist, October, 1976 (Special Issue devoted to theories of Fascism) H
I. Kershaw, Hitler, the Germans, and the Final Solution (2008) H
S. Payne, Fascism: Comparison and Definition (1980) H
H. Rogger & E. Weber, eds., The European Right (1966) H
H. Smith, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History (2011)
H. A. Turner, ed., Reappraisals of Fascism (1975) H

Useful Document Collections:

C. Delzell, ed., Mediterranean Fascism 1919-1940 (1971) H
R. Griffin, ed. Fascism (1995)
John Pollard, The Fascist Experience in Italy H
NOTE: H means a book is on the Honors Reserve shelf. Articles or book chapters that are required for weekly common readings are usually posted on Moodle.

Schedule of Weekly Topics

1) **Introduction: Politics in a New Key**

Common Readings:

- M. Mazower, *Dark Continent. Europe’s 20th Century*, 3-32 (this book offers very useful background reading for the 1918-1945 period in general)

2) **World War I, Mobilization, Conquest, Counterrevolution**

Optional German History Background:

- V.R. Berghahn, *Modern Germany* H (and online), chapters 1 & 2. Please Note for the future that this is an *extremely useful* book for the review process!

Common Readings:

in Peace. Paramilitary Violence in Europe After the Great War, 52-71
R. Bessel, Germany After the First World War, 1-48, 220-253 H

Topics:

Legacies of the War and Mobilization
German Culture and Conquest in the East
The Central European Counterrevolutions

3) Italy: Old Order, Revolutionary Crisis, New Right

Optional Background:

M. Blinkhorn, Mussolini and Fascist Italy (excellent, informative, and brief)
P. Morgan, Italian Fascism 1915-1945, 13-59
A. De Grand, Italian Fascism. Its Origins and Development, 3-33 H
S. Payne, A History of Fascism 1914-1945, 80-101 H

Common Readings:

R. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 24-64 H
A. Lyttelton, The Seizure of Power (1987), chs. 1-3 H (The Classic—but huge)
R.J.B. Bosworth, Mussolini’s Italy. Life Under the Fascist Dictatorship, 93-149
P. Corner, Fascism in Ferrara, (1975) H, 28-84; 104-169
M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini’s Italy (2011) online, 23-34
E. Gentile, The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy (1996) 19-31 H

Topics:

The New Right milieus and their Ideologies (including war interventionism)
The “Red Year” 1919: Evaluating threats from the Left (local & national)
Squadism

4) Italy: The Fascists Come to Power

Common Readings:

Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 87-118 H
A. Lyttelton, The Seizure of Power, chs. 4-6, 10-11, 17 (skim) H
M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini’s Italy (2011) online, 35-64
E. Gentile, The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy (1996) chs 2 & 6 H
M. Berezin, Making the Fascist Self. The Political Culture of Interwar Italy, ch. 2-3 H (sociology…)
P. Corner, Fascism in Ferrara, 170-260 H
F. Snowden, The Fascist Revolution in Tuscany (1989), 121-123; 183-209 H
J. Steinberg, “Fascism in the Italian South: The Case of Calabria” in D. Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism (1986) H

Topics:
The Liberal State and the Fascist Takeover
Conflicts and Interests Within the Fascist Movement (to 1927)
Political Spectacle and the Rituals of Fascism

5) Italy: Fascist Domestic Policy

Common Readings:

Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 119-147 H
M. Ebner, Ordinary Violence in Mussolini’s Italy (2011) online, 166-258
P. Corner, The Fascist Party and Popular Opinion in Mussolini’s Italy (2012) H, 1-9; 171-192; 275-288
A. Lyttelton, The Seizure of Power, chs. 9, 12-15 (skim) H

On economic thinking/visions in interwar Europe:


Topics:
Fascist Economic Policy?
Fascist Political Culture: Consent and Opposition
Women, Family, Work, and the Fascist State
6) **Italy: Fascist Imperial Foreign Policy**

**Common Readings:**

M. Knox, *Common Destiny. Dictatorship, Foreign Policy, and War in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany*, (2000) H, ch. 3
R. Pergher, “‘Staging the Nation in Fascist Italy’s ‘New Provinces’” (AHY 2012)
R. Pergher, “‘I find myself here among Italians who don’t Want to be Italian and Who’d Want us Dead.’ The National Veterans’ Agency and the Italianization of South Tyrol in the Interwar Period” (unpublished ms.)
R. Ben-Ghiat and M. Fuller, *Italian Colonialism* (2005) H (Check some of the short articles in this recent collection)

**Topics:**

Fascist Italy’s Settlement and Colonization Policies
Radicalization: Fascist Foreign Policy in the 1930s
Racial and Anti-Semitic Policy in 1930s Fascist Italy

7) **Germany: The Weimar Republic**

**Useful Background for those who need it:**

Berghahn, *Modern Germany*, H (and online), chapter 3
Richard Evans, *The Coming of the Third Reich*, H, 77-154

**Common Readings:**


Also useful and challenging but not required (for this week and next week):


**Topics:**

- Modernization and its Tensions
- The Transformation of German Electoral Politics 1918-1930
- Labor and Capital 1919-1930

### 8) Germany: The Rise to Power of Nazism

**Common Readings:**

- R. Evans, *The Coming of the Third Reich*, H, 155-391
- G. Eley, “What Produces Fascism: Pre-Industrial Traditions or a Crisis of the Capitalist State?” in *From Unification to Nazism: Reinterpreting the German Past* H

**Topics:**

- National Socialist Milieu and Ideologies
- The Nazi Party: Social Appeal, Electoral Support
- The Collapse of the Weimar Republic 1930-1933

### 9) Gleichschaltung: Society and Economy

**Common Readings:**


D. Peukert, *Inside Nazi Germany. Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life* H, 42-118 (or more if you can—save time next week)


Not required and no longer up to date, but remains useful for organizing your historiography thinking:

Kershaw, *The Nazi Dictatorship. Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation* H chs. 1; 3; 7 H

Highly recommended and detailed:


**Topics:**

Traditional Elites and the New Regime (Churches, Business, Military)

Nazi Economics and its Paradoxes

The Terror Regime

**10) The Racial Volksgemeinschaft**

**Common Readings:**

Burleigh & Wippermann, *The Racial State*, H 1-22 (skim briefly for the argument—it’s not hard to get and has to be dealt with….)
P. Fritzsche, Life and Death in the Third Reich (2008) H
G. Eley, “Hitler’s Silent Majority? Conformity and Resistance Under the Third Reich” (2 parts, University of Michigan Quarterly, 2003, online, endless)
M. Kaplan, Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany (1998), 3-49 H
D. Peukert, Inside Nazi Germany. Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life, H 118-242
L. Wildenthal German Women for Empire, 1884-1945, H chapter 5
E. Harvey, Women and the Nazi East, (2003), 44-77 H

Topics:

Volksgemeinschaft: Conformity and Opposition in Everyday Life
Jews, A-Socials, and Other Outsiders in the 1930s
Women Production and Reproduction in Nazi Germany
Looking to the East: German Diaspora Dreams

11) Nazi Foreign and Imperial Policy

Background:

Berghahn, Modern Germany, H (and E-book) the following sections in chapter 4: “Nazi Foreign Policy and War Aims;” “Resistance and Collaboration During the Final Years”

Common Readings:

M. Knox, “Conquest, Foreign and Domestic, in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany” JMH, vol. 56 (1984)
M. Mazower, Hitler’s Empire (2008) the following chapters: Introduction, 3-8 (and more if you can—it’s a good read)
W. Lower, Nazi Empire-Building and the Holocaust in Ukraine (2005), 18-43; 162-179 H
E. Harvey, Women and the Nazi East, 152-174 H
Jews (1999) H, chapters 2 & 3 H

Topics:

Nazi Foreign Policy, 1933-1941
Race and Space: The Occupation of Bohemia-Moravia
Race and Space: The Occupation of Poland and Ukraine

12) Fascism in France

Common Readings:
R. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism, 68-86 H
R. Paxton, French Peasant Fascism. Henry Dorgeres’s Greenshirts and the Crises of French Agriculture, 1929-1939, H (Skim)
M. Pollard, Reign of Virtue. Mobilizing Gender in Vichy France, H (skim)
M. Marrus and R. Paxton, Vichy France and the Jews H

Paper Topics:

Intellectuals and Politics in the 1920s: Early Fascism
Fascist Movements in 1930s France, Urban and Rural
Fascism at Vichy?

13) Fascism and Nazism in the East

Common Readings:

R. Paxton, The Anatomy of Fascism, H
I. Livezeanu, “Between State and Nation: Romanian Lower Middle Class Intellectuals in the Interwar Period” in R. Koshar, ed., Splintered Classes, Politics and the Lower Middle Classes in Interwar Europe, pp. 164-183 H (Swat Alum)
S. Payne, A History of Fascism, 1914-1945, 277-289
H. Case, Between States: The Transylvanian Question and the European Idea

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During World War II (2009), ch. 2
http://www.collegehumor.com/article:1802364

**Topics:**

- Nationalism and Nationalization in East Central Europe
- Fascism in Romania: the Iron Guard
- The Satellite States and Nazi Germany, 1939-1945

**14) Fascism, War, and the Holocaust**

**Common Readings:**


**On Mussolini’s End:**

- M. Ebner, *Ordinary Violence in Mussolini’s Italy* (2011) online, 259-268

**Thoughtful on larger philosophic issues:**

- Inga Clendinnen, *Reading the Holocaust*, H

**On Holocaust Denial (and the David Irving Trial):**
R. Evans, *Lying About Hitler*. H
Re: David Irving: http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/59859.html

Topics:

Holocaust Historiography
Instruments and Agents of Barbarization: Perpetrators
Italy at War, Mussolini’s Fall and the Republic of Salo

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS BY WEEK AND TOPIC

Periodical abbreviations:

American Historical Review AHR
Austrian History Yearbook AHY (shelved as individual books, DB1.A772)
Central European History CEH
Contemporary European History ContEH
Economic History Review EcHR
German Studies Review GSR
Historical Journal HJ
History Workshop HistWorkshop
Journal of Contemporary History JContHist
Journal of Economic History EcH
Journal of Modern History JMH
Journal of Social History JSH
New York Review of Books NYR
Past and Present P&P
Slavic Review SR

I. INTRODUCTION: POLITICS IN A NEW KEY

D. Blackbourn and Geoff Eley, *The Peculiarities of German History*, 261-276
G. Eley, “The German Right: How it Changed” in Eley, ed., *From Unification to Nazism*
G. Eley, *Reshaping the German Right.*
H. S. Hughes, *Consciousness and Society; the Reorientation of European Social Thought 1890-1930* (1958)
E. Kurlander, *The Price of Exclusion: Ethnicity, National Identity, and the*
Decline of German Liberalism, 1898-1933 (2006)
R. Paxton, Anatomy of Fascism
S. Payne, A History of Fascism, Intro., ch’s 1-2

II. WORLD WAR I, REVOLUTION AND COUNTERREVOLUTION

J. Baird, To Die for Germany: Heroes in the Nazi Pantheon (1990) R
R. Bessel, Germany after the First World War (1993) H
B. Crim, “’Our Most Serious Enemy’: The Specter of Judaeo-Bolshevism in the German Military Community, 1914-1923” in CEH 44 (2011) 624-641
E. Domansky, “Militarization and Reproduction in World War I Germany” in Eley, ed. Society, Culture and the State in Germany, 1870-1930
P. Fritzsche, Rehearsals for Fascism (1990), H; chs 2 & 3
R. Gerwarth, “The Central European Counterrevolution: Paramilitary Violence in Germany, Austria, and Hungary after the Great War” in P&P (August 2008), 175-209
M. Healy, “Civilizing the Soldier in Postwar Austria” in N. Wingfield and M. Bucur, eds., Gender and War in 20th-Century Eastern Europe
M. Healey, “Women, the State, and Citizenship in World War I” CEH 35/1
Young-Sun Hong, “World War I and the German Welfare State: Gender, religion, and the Paradoxes of Modernity, in Eley, ed., Society, Culture, and the State in Germany 1870-1930
Isabel Hull, Absolute Destruction. Military Culture and the Practices of War in
Imperial Germany (2005), chapter 10, “Civilians as Objects of Military Necessity”


J, Kocka, Facing Total War: German Society 1914-1918 (1984) H, especially ch. 3 on wartime divisions in the Mittelstand

K. Kopp, Germany’s Wild East: Constructing Poland as Colonial Space (2012)


H. Lebovics, Social Conservatism and the Middle Classes in Germany, 1914-1933 (1984) H, especially ch. 3 on wartime divisions in the Mittelstand

E. Leed, No Man’s Land. Combat and Identity in World War I, 39-72; 123-162; 193-213 H

P. Lerner, Hysterical Men. War, Psychiatry, and the Politics of Trauma in Germany, 1890-1930 (2003) H (hopefully…)


C. Maier, Recasting Bourgeois Europe H


R. Moeller, German Peasants and Agrarian Politics 1914-1924 (1986) chs 3-6


G. Mosse, Nationalism and Sexuality (1985)

R. Nelson, German Soldier Newspapers of the First World War (2011)


K. Theweleit, Male Fantasies, Vol. 2. Male Bodies: Psychoanalyzing the White Terror (1989) (Both Theweleit volumes are a lot of fun)


Documents:

E, Jünger, Storm of Steel

G. Kaiser, Gas Trilogy

E. M. Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front
III. ITALY: OLD ORDER, NEW RIGHT AND CRISIS FROM THE LEFT

Background Texts on Italy:

M. Blinkhorn, Mussolini and Fascist Italy (excellent, informative, and brief)
S. Clough, The Economic History of Modern Italy HC305.C55
D. Mack Smith, Italy (1969) H
LaPalombara, “Italy: Fragmentation, Isolation, Alienation,” in L. Pye and S. Verba, Political Culture and Political Development (1965). (A broad overview and interpretation of Italian political culture from the 1870s to the 1960s by a political scientist)
Adrian Lyttelton, “An Old Church and a New State: Italian Anti-Clericalism 1876-1915,” in European Studies Review, vol. 13, no. 2 April 1983
P. Morgan, Italian Fascism, 1915-1945
S. Saladino, Italy from Unification to 1919. Growth and Decay of a Liberal Regime (1970)
C. Seton-Watson, Italy from Liberalism to Fascism 1870-1925 (1967), chs. 7-11.

The Bourgeois State

F. Adler, Italian Industrialists from Liberalism to Fascism (1995), ch. 3
J. Davis, “The South, the Risorgimento and the Origins of the “Southern Problem” in Davis, ed., Gramsci and Italy’s Passive Revolution
A. De Grand, Hunchback’s Tailor: Giovanni Giolitti and Liberal Italy from the Challenge of Mass Politics to the Rise of Fascism, 1882-1922 (200)
Ebrary.com, especially chapter 9
Maier, Recasting Bourgeois Europe: Stabilization in France, Germany and Italy in the Decade After World War I, pp.85-91; 109-134; 173-192 (Not an exciting read but very important)

The Left and the Possibility of Revolution:

D. H. Bell, Sesto San Giovanni: Workers, Culture, and Politics in an Italian Town, 1880-1922 H (experience of factory occupations and fascism)
J. Cammett, Antonio Gramsci and the Origins of Italian Communism (1967)
M. Clark, Antonio Gramsci and the Revolution that Failed (1977)
P. Corner, Fascism in Ferrara, (1975) H, 85-103


De Grand, In Stalin’s Shadow: Angelo Tasca and the Crisis of the Left in Italy and France, 1910-1945 (1986), chs. 1-5


D. Horowitz, The Italian Labor Movement (1963)

Lyttelston, “Landlords, Peasants, and the Limits of Liberalism” in Davis, ed., Gramsci and Italy’s Passive Revolution

Lyttelton, “Revolution and Counter-revolution in Italy, 1918-1922,” in C. Bertrand, ed., Revolutionary Situations in Europe, 1917-1922 (1977), pp. 63-73. (see me)


F. Nitti, Bolshevism, Fascism, and Democracy (1927) By a contemporary left socialist Rossi (pseudonym for A. Tasca), The Rise of Italian Fascism (1938) By a contemporary socialist militant, former communist


The New Right:


H. S. Hughes, Consciousness and Society; the Reorientation of European Social Thought 1890-1930 (1958)


D. Roberts, The Syndicalist Tradition and Italian Fascism (1979)

Barabra Spackman, Fascist Virilities. Rhetoric, Ideology, and Social Fantasy in Italy (1996) (Marinetti’s male parthenogenesis, D’Anunzio’s Superman, Mussolini’s discourse and other fun ideas)

Mussolini:

L. Barzini, “Mussolini or the Limitations of Showmanship” in his The Italians (1965), pp. 133-156
R.J.B. Bosworth, Mussolini (2002) H Latest biography, quite good and readable
I. Kirkpatrick, Mussolini: A Study in Power (1964) H
D. Mack Smith, Mussolini (1982)
G. Megaro, Mussolini in the Making (1938) R

B. Mussolini, My Autobiography (1928)
E. Nolte, “Italian Fascism” in Three Faces of Fascism (1966), pp. 145-270

Documents:

B. Mussolini, My Autobiography (1928)

IV. THE FASCISTS COME TO POWER

Who Were the Fascists?

D. H. Bell, Sesto San Giovanni: Workers, Culture, and Politics in an Italian Town, 1880-1922 H
Cardoza, “Agrarians and Industrialists: The Evolution of an Alliance in the Po Delta, 1896-1914” in Davis, ed., Gramsci and Italy’s Passive Revolution
P. Corner, Fascism in Ferrara 1915-1925 (1975), chapters 7&8, 9-11
R. De Felice, “Italian Fascism and the Middle Classes” in Larsen et al., eds., Who Were the Fascists? Social Roots of European Fascism (1980) H
Alexander De Grand, The Italian Nationalist Association and the Rise of Fascism
Kelikian, “From Liberalism to Corporatism: The Province of Brescia During the First World War,” in Davis, ed., Gramsci and Italy’s Passive Revolution
F. Snowden, “From Sharecropper to Proletarian: The Background to Fascism in Rural Tuscany, 1880-1920 in Davis, ed., Gramsci and Italy’s Passive Revolution
J. Steinberg, “Fascism in the Italian South: The Case of Calabria” in Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism (1986) H

Fascist Ideology

E. Dorn Brose, “Generic Fascism Revisited: Attitudes Toward Technology in Germany and Italy, 1919-1945,” GSR, 10, no. 2, May 1987
J. A. Gregor, The Ideology of Fascism (1969) R
R. Griffin, The Nature of Fascism (1993) H “Fascism is a genus of political ideology whose mythic core in its various permutations is a palingenetic form of populist ultranationalism.” Whatever.

D. Roberts, The Syndicalist Tradition and Italian Fascism (1979) R
Aristotle Kallis, Fascist Ideology. Territory and Expansionism in Italy and Germany, 1922-1945 H
S. Falasca-Zamponi, Fascist Spectacle. The Aesthetics of Power in Mussolini’s Italy (1997) H
E. Gentile, The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy (1996) H

Political Struggles
F. Adler, Italian Industrialists from Liberalism to Fascism (1995) H
A. De Grand, Italian Fascism: Its Origin and Development, pp. 41-57
H. Fornari, Mussolini’s Gadfly: Roberto Farinacci (1971) H
Lyttelton, “Fascism in Italy: The Second Wave” in Sarti, ed., The Axe Within
C. Maier, Recasting Bourgeois Europe: Stabilization in France, Germany and Italy in the Decade After World War I (1975) H
G. Matteoti, The Fascisti Exposed: A Year of Fascist Domination (1924)
R. Sarti, Fascism and the Industrial Leadership in Italy (1971) H

Additional Background and General Reference:

Historical Dictionary of Fascist Italy, ed. by Philip V. Cannistraro (1982) Ref DGH.571.A1H57 More an encyclopedia than a dictionary. The Dictionary has short entries on all the important figures of the period as well as useful articles, arranged alphabetically, on topics ranging from Battle of Grain and Resistance to Fascism, to Cinema, Painting and Sculpture, and Youth Organizations.

Some Documents:

G. Matteoti, The Fascisti Exposed: A Year of Fascist Domination (1924)
B. Mussolini, Fascism: Doctrines and Institutions (1935) DG571.M9
E. Pound, Jefferson and/or Mussolini: L’idée statale: or Fascism as I have Seen It Jeffrey T. Schnapp, ed., A Primer of Italian Fascism (2000) H Annotated and Useful

The following documents in Delzell, Mediterranean Fascism 1919-1940 (1970):
The Birth of the Fascist Movement (Mussolini’s Speeches in 1919)
Program of the Italian Fascist Movement
Postulates of the Fascist Program
Fascist Agrarian Program
Mussolini’s First Speech in the Chamber of Deputies
New Program of the National Fascist Party
Mussolini’s Speech Regarding the House of Savoy
Prelude to the March on Rome: Mussolini’s Speech

V. FASCIST DOMESTIC POLICY

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The Fascist Economy, Corporatism (and Modernization Theory)

F. Adler, Italian Industrialists from Liberalism to Fascism (1995) R ch 5
1969 (this issue devoted to the Depression), 37-58
S. Clough, The Economic History of Modern Italy,
EcHR, 2nd series, vol. XXV, no. 4, 1972, 642-654
J. S. Cohen, “Fascism and Agriculture in Italy: Policies and Consequences”
EcHR, vol. XXXII, no. I, Feb. 1979, 70-87
P. Corner, “Fascist Agrarian Policy and the Italian Economy in the Inter-War Years” in John A. Davis, ed., Gramsci and Italy’s Passive Revolution
J. Gregor, Italian Fascism and Developmental Dictatorship (1979), chs. 5-9
S. Lombardini, “Italian Fascism and the Economy” in S. J. Woolf, The Nature of Fascism (1968), 152-164
S. Mariuccia, “The Long History of Corporatism in Italy: A Question of Culture or Economics?” in ContEH 15 (2006) 223-244 (online) (only part of this article deals with the background of corporatism and fascism)
A. Milward, “Fascism and the Economy” in W. Laqueur, ed., Fascism: A Reader’s Guide (1978), (But more about Germany than Italy)
R. Sarti, “Fascist Modernization in Italy: Traditional or Revolutionary” in AHR, 75/4, April 1970

Some Views of the Economy by Contemporaries

P. Einzig, The Economic Foundations of Fascism (1933)
G. Salvemini, Under the Axe of Fascism(1936)
Schmidt, The Plough and the Sword: Labor, Land and Property in Fascist Italy (1938)
C. Schmidt, The Corporate State in Action (1939)
The Royal Institute of International Affairs, The Economic and Financial Position
of Italy (1935)

Fascist Culture

M. Berezin, Making the Fascist Self. The Political Culture of Interwar Italy (1997) (somehow doesn’t make the grade. Surprisingly dull given her topic and ALL THAT THEORY. She’s a sociologist.)
P. Cannistraro, “Mussolini’s Cultural Revolution,” JContHist, July-October 1972
S. Falasca-Zamponi, Fascist Spectacle. The Aesthetics of Power in Mussolini’s Italy (1997) H
E. Gentile, The Sacralization of Politics in Fascist Italy (1996) H
S. Falasca-Zamponi, Fascist Spectacle H
D. Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism. Capitalism, Populism, Culture (1986) H
J. Hay, Popular Film Culture in Fascist Italy: The Passing of the Rex (1987)
J. Hoberman, Sport and Political Ideology (1984)
T. Koon, Believe, Obey, Fight: Political Socialization of Youth in Fascist Italy (1985) (On Schools—duller than you would expect…)
M. Ledeen, “Italian Fascism and Youth” JContHist, 4, 1969
G. Nowell-Smith, “The Italian Cinema under Fascism” in Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism (1986) H
L. Pertile, “Fascism and Literature” in Forgacs, ed., Rethinking Italian Fascism (1985) H
Barbara Spackman, Fascist Virilities. Rhetoric, Ideology, and Social Fantasy in Italy (1996)
M. Stone, The Patron State: Culture and Politics in Fascist Italy (1998) H (This is what current scholars of fascist Italy in the USA do these days…sigh)
E. Tannenbaum, The Fascist Experience: Italian Society and Culture 1922-1945 (1972), chs. 5-10 H

Women (with some Gender and Sexuality…)

L. Benadusi, The Enemy of the New Man: Homosexuality in Fascist Italy

P. Corner, “Women in Fascist Italy. Changing Family Roles in the Transition from an Agricultural to an Industrial Society” *European History Quarterly*, vol. 23 (1993), 51-68


V. de Grazia, *How Fascism Ruled Women. Italy 1922-1945* (1992) H (Given her first book, this was a disappointment…)

V. de Grazia, “Nationalizing Women: The Competition between Fascist and Commercial Cultural Models in Mussolini’s Italy” in de Grazia, ed., *The Sex of Things. Gender and Consumption in Historical Perspective* (More commercial culture than fascism, but interesting ideas.)


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The Working Class and Daily Life


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