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This seminar is concerned with political, social, cultural, and religious aspects of Italian life from 1815 to the present. In recent years it has stressed an interdisciplinary approach to Italian studies, increasing the participation of anthropologists and scholars of art, film, and literature. The seminar meets on the second Friday of the month, from September to May, to discuss a paper presented by a member or an invited speaker, covering a wide range of topics, approaches, and methodologies, and occasionally holds a day-long conference or more restricted symposium to explore a topic in depth.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 12 — *Le Chinois à Rome: Amelia Rosselli's Ideas of Chinese Writing and Linguistic Difference in Postwar Italy*
Isabella Livorni, New York University
Respondent: **Alessandro Giammei**, Yale University

October 10 — *Radical Italian Feminism: From Carla Lonzi's Sexual Difference to Adriana Cavarero's Anti-(Trans)Gender*
Alessandra Montalbano, University of Alabama
Respondent: **Valentina Moro**, Stony Brook University

November 14 — *Sewing Nets: Everyday Life and the (In)Visibility of Death on Lampedusa Island*
Alessandro Corso, Chr. Michelsen Institute (Norway); Columbia University
Respondent: **Naor Ben-Yehoyada**, Columbia University

December 5 — *Arturo Giovannitti's Passionate Politics: The Bread and Roses Strike, a Trial Against Labor, and the Rule of Love*
Luca Falciola, The City College of New York, City University of New York
Respondent: **Marcella Bencivenni**, Hostos Community College, City University of New York

January 16 — *Young and Dangerous in Mussolini's Italy, 1934–1945*
Paul Garfinkel, Simon Fraser University
Respondent: **Luigi Lacchè**, University of Macerata (Italy)

February 13 — *Solidarity Networks Across Southern Europe: Italian Trade Union Campaigns for Political Prisoners in Spain, Portugal, and Greece*
Silvia Salvatici, University of Florence (Italy)
Respondent: **Pamela Ballinger**, University of Michigan

March 6 — *'The State Has Lost': The Turin 'Red Brigades' Trial, 1976–1978. Institutions, Celebrity, Murder*
John Foot, Bristol University (United Kingdom)
Respondent: **David Forgacs**, New York University

April 17 — *Underground Belongings: Ecology, Folklore, and the National-Subaltern Nexus in Calvino's Fiabe italiane*
Luca Naponiello, Villanova University
Respondent: **Christy Wampole**, Princeton University

May 8 — *Malavita alla moda: Tracing Mythologies of Criminal Dress*
Rebecca Bauman, Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York
Respondent: **Giuseppe Gazzola**, Stony Brook University

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