

## ***Italy in the International System***

6 credits

1<sup>st</sup> semester, 2020-2021

### **Syllabus**

**Time and place: Monday (2-4) and Friday (2-4 pm), Room 5**

#### **Lecturers**

Prof. Marco Clementi (Convenor)

Prof. Massimo Zaccaria

Prof. Roberta Rabellotti

#### **Prerequisites**

This is a Bachelor course. Students are expected to have some knowledge of the basic tools of political science, economics and contemporary history. The course is intended for both Italian and non-Italian students and it does not assume prior acquaintance with Italian foreign relations.

#### **Teaching goals**

The course aims at introducing students to the main features of the Italian foreign relations and offers a multidisciplinary assessment of the Italian international role. By the end of the course, students should have become familiar with the main elements of Italian foreign policy and with the main challenges and opportunities Italy faces in the international system. Through participation in seminars and essay writing, students will also improve their presentational, analytical and argumentative skills.

#### **Course content**

The course covers a range of topics, including the following:

- interplay between domestic and international factors in Italian foreign policy;
- Italian defence and security policy during and after the Cold War;
- relationship between Italy and Africa throughout the XIX and XX centuries;
- the role Italian colonial policies in transforming local realities;
- Italian foreign direct investments;
- Italy in global trade relationships and in global value chains.

## **Teaching methods**

The course consists of 20 classes, roughly 60% of which are introductory lectures. The lectures are followed by seminars involving the active participation by the students. Lectures and seminars are held by members of the Department of Political and Social Sciences (professors Marco Clementi, Massimo Zaccaria and Roberta Rabellotti). Seminars held by visiting or invited scholars will also be organized.

The purpose of the lectures is to provide the background knowledge that will be useful for the seminars, in which the students will be required to undertake presentations and actively discuss them with the class.

Each seminar will begin with one or two students' presentations based on the relevant reading(s). The presentation will be followed by a discussion coordinated by the lecturer specialized in the relevant topic.

Updated information on the course – including updated course programme and schedule – will be available through KIRO.

## **List of readings**

Mandatory readings for the final exam will be indicated by each lecturer and made available through KIRO.

## **Exam**

Students will be assessed on the basis of:

- (1) the oral presentation in class (40%);
- (2) the written exam (50%);
- (3) active participation during the course (10%). "Active Participation" means regular attendance and constructive comments.

## **Other information**

Attendance of both lectures and seminars is compulsory. In order to qualify for the exam, students must have a 70% attendance rate.

An important note for visiting students: If you are planning to leave Pavia at the end of the semester, please be sure to plan carefully ahead. Check the dates of the "appelli di esame" (exam appointments) well in advance allowing for the time needed to complete all of the necessary steps before you leave Pavia. Remember that it is not possible for the course Coordinator to register your final mark on an exam date when you are no longer present in Pavia.

## Course Calendar

Class (Date/Hour)	Topic	Suggested Readings
1. 28/09/2020 (2-4 pm), Room 5, MC; RR; MZ	Introductory session to the course	
2 (TBD) MC	External factors and the birth of the Italian Republic	M. de Leonardis (2011), Introduction: continuity and change in the Italian foreign policy, UNISCI Discussion Papers, 25.
3 (TBD) MC	Italy, Europe and the Western security community	F. Andreatta (2008), "Italian Foreign Policy: Domestic Politics, International Requirements and the European Dimension", in <i>European Integration</i> , 30, 1, pp. 169-181.
4 (TBD) MC	The strategic role of Italy after 1989	A Gilli, A.R. Ungaro and A. Marrone (2015), "The Italian White Paper for International Security and Defence", in <i>The RUSI Journal</i> , 160, 6, pp. 34-41.
5 (TBD) MC	Italy and multilateral peace operations	G. Tercovich (2016), "Italy and UN peacekeeping: constant transformation", in <i>International Peacekeeping</i> , 23, 5, pp. 681-701.
6 (TBD) MC	Italian development policy	C. Maurini and R. Settimo (2008), "Assessing the allocation of Italian foreign aid", Banca D'Italia, Occasional Papers, 43.
7 (TBD) MC	Foreign policy in Italian élites and public opinion	F. Olmastroni (2017), "The alleged consensus: Italian elites and publics on foreign policy", in <i>Italian Political Science Review</i> , 47, 2, pp. 149-182.
8 (TBD) MZ	Italy and its Colonies: Why and How Italy Went to Africa	Ruth Ben-Ghiat, "Italy and its Colonies: Introduction", in <i>A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literatures. Continental Europe and its Empires</i> , Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 2008, pp. 263-268.
9 (TBD) MZ	The First World War and Italian Colonialism	Richard Bosworth, Giuseppe Finaldi, "The Italian Empire", in Robert Gerwarth, Erez Manela (eds.), <i>Empires at War 1911-1923</i> , Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2014, pp. 34-51.

10 (TBD) MZ	Historiographical Debate and New Approaches to Italian Colonialism	Massimo Zaccaria, "Italian Colonialism in Africa as a Connected System: Institutions, Men and Colonial Troops", <i>The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History</i> , 47/4, 2019, pp. 718-741.
11 (TBD) MZ	Italiani brava gente (Italians as Good People)	Giuseppe Finaldi, "Fascism, Violence, and Italian Colonialism", <i>The Journal of Holocaust Research</i> , 33/1, 2019, 22-42.
12 (TBD) MZ	Decolonization and the former Italian Colonies	Nicola Labanca, "Exceptional Italy? The Many End of the Italian Colonial Empire", in A.T.M. Thomas (ed.), <i>The Oxford Handbook of the Ends of Empire</i> , Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 123-143.
13 (TBD) MZ	Italian Settlers in Post-Colonial Africa	Pamela Ballinger, "Colonial Twilight. Italian Settlers and the Long Decolonization of Libya", <i>Journal of Contemporary History</i> , 51/4, 2016, pp. 813-838.
14 (TBD) RR	Italy in the global economy: an introduction	<a href="#">OECD (2019) Economic Surveys: Italy, April, Paris: OECD</a>
15 (TBD) RR	Italian multinationals and foreign multinationals in Italy	<a href="#">Della Corte, V., &amp; Federico, S. (2019). Two tales of foreign investor outflows: Italy in 2011-2012 and 2018 (No. 535). Bank of Italy, Economic Research and International Relations Area.</a>
16 (TBD) RR	Italy in the global trade networks	<a href="#">Bugamelli et al (2017): Back on track? A macro-micro narrative of Italian export, Questioni di Economia e Finanza n.399 Banca d'Italia</a>
17 (TBD) RR	Italy in Global Value Chains	<a href="#">De Backer Miroudot (2014): Mapping Global Value Chains, ECB Working Paper Series n.1677</a>
18 (TBD) RR	Class discussion and students' presentations on trade and foreign direct investments	Readings will be provided during the course.
19 (TBD) RR	Class discussion and students' presentations on Global Value Chains	Readings will be provided during the course.
20 (TBD) MC; MZ; RR	Wrap up session and students' feedback	