

Prof. Bruno Pierri
History of Italian Foreign Policy

Introduction of Course
January 28th, 2015

Educational Tasks

▶ Knowledge and understanding

The course aims at providing the students the main issues and concepts of the history of Italian foreign policy, with a particular focus on Fascist policy of power, as well as the relationships with colonial realities of those times

Moreover, it is planned to examine history methodology through strict critical and scientific criteria. At the end of the course, students will be expected to scientifically interpret (as best as they can) historical records

▶ Applying knowledge and understanding

▶ The student will be expected to clearly sustain and discuss, through proper reasoning, the issues discussed during the course and individual study, with a particular reference to analysis of records and the geo-political aspect of historical events

▶ Making judgements

▶ At the end of the course, the student will be expected to possess the skill to critically interpret the main historical events through records and maps

▶ Communication skills

▶ Students will be expected to communicate in an effective way and with a correct use of language their own reflections on the interpretation of historical facts and themes

Contents

- ▶ **General Part: Italy and the wider world (evolution of Italian foreign policy and how Italy was perceived from abroad, 1860-1960) – middle way between history of international relations and contemporary history**
- A) Italian Diplomacy**
- B) Italian Military Policy**
- C) Italian Trading Policy**
- D) Italian Imperialism**
- E) Italian Emigration**
- ▶ **Monographic course:**
- 1) Fascist Italy's Middle Eastern policy: continuity and change**
- 2) Liberal Italy's colonialism;**
- 3) Abyssinian War;**
- 4) Mussolini as a Protector of Islam;**
- 5) Jewish question in Palestine and the Arab revolt;**
- 6) Relations with Britain and France;**
- 7) Analysis of research sources, use of maps.**

Reference Books

- ▶ **R.J.B. Bosworth, *Italy and the Wider World 1860-1960*, Routledge, London, 2013 Paperback, ISBN 9780415862417 (Chapters 1-6)**
- ▶ **Nir Arielli, *Fascist Italy and the Middle East, 1933–40*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012 Paperback, ISBN 9781137297389**

Teaching Methodology

- ▶ Frontal lectures and use, whenever possible, of information technology
- ▶ Analysis of diplomatic records (i.e. Triple Alliance, Treaty of London, Mussolini-Laval Agreements...)
- ▶ Lectures only in English, as requested by students
- ▶ Diplomatic Language and comparison between historiography and first hand sources
- ▶ Balance between general part/monographic course

Exam methodology

- ▶ **Oral exam**
- ▶ **Knowledge and understanding will be certified through at least two-three questions aiming at verifying the effective study of the expected issues**
- ▶ **Judgement making and knowledge applying will be certified by requesting the student to examine at least one historical record and sustaine their own reflections with the aid of a geographical map**
- ▶ **Communication skills will be certified by evaluating the capacity of the student to use a proper terminology and explain the meaning of expressions and/or concepts**

Attendders

- ▶ **At least 21 hours of attendance (70%)**
- ▶ **More flexible exams, with the aid of maps examined in lectures**
- ▶ **Examination based more on powerpoint slides and personal notes, than on books**
- ▶ **Non attenders will be strictly examined on books and it will last a little longer**

Lecture Calendar

- ▶ **Wed Jan 28, 9,30 am-12,30 pm**
- ▶ **Tue Feb 10, 3,30-6,30 pm**
- ▶ **Wed Feb 11, 9,30 am-12,30 pm**
- ▶ **Tue Feb 17, 3,30-6,30 pm**
- ▶ **Wed Feb 18, 9,30 am-12,30 pm**
- ▶ **Tue Mar 10, 3,30-6,30 pm**
- ▶ **Wed Mar 11, 9,30 am-11,30 pm**
- ▶ **Tue Mar 17, 3,30-6,30 pm**
- ▶ **Wed Mar 18, 9,30 am-12,30 pm**
- ▶ **Tue Mar 24, 3,30-6,30 pm**
- ▶ **Wed Mar 25, 9,30-10 am**

Exam Calendar

- ▶ **Dates might be changed a little, due to school committments**
- ▶ **May 20, 9 am**
- ▶ **Jun 10, 9 am**
- ▶ **Jul 7, 9 am**
- ▶ **Sept 7, 9 am**

Tutorials

- ▶ **Days of Lecture:**

- 1) **Tue 6,30-7,30 pm**

- 2) **Wed 12,30-1,30 pm (except when otherwise indicated by the Professor)**

- ▶ **Non Lecture Days:**

- 1) **Wed 11 am-1 pm (except when otherwise indicated by the Professor)**

- ▶ **It is possible to communicate with the Professor via e-mail as well:**

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