



SISSCO RESEARCH SEMINAR

EUROPE BETWEEN MIGRATIONS, DECOLONIZATION AND INTEGRATION (1945-1992)

SEMINAR I : BORDERS AND MOBILITY IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY: DISCOURSES, PRACTICES AND POLICIES (1945-92)

FORLÌ, 2-4 MARCH 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS

At the end of World War II Europe experienced two major changes that reshaped it. On the one hand, European countries leading an empire after the war had to face the **end of colonial era**, and were forced to re-imagine their role in global contest. Each European power assessed the new situation and dealt with the newborn independent states on its own way; all of them thought decolonization as a national issue, to be managed independently. On the other hand, at the same time some of these States promoted another process, aimed at going beyond the idea of “national sovereignty”, in order to set up a **supranational European entity**.

The cycle of seminars on “**Europe between migration, decolonization and integration (1945-1992)**” is aimed to analyze the disappearing of colonial powers and the European unification process not only as simultaneous proceedings, but also as linked ones, investigating if and how they have contributed to defining the course and the policies of postwar Europe.

Migrations have characterized both decolonization and European unification: while the end of colonial era has encouraged migration flows from the extra-European countries to the “Old continent”, the European integration project pointed out freedom of movement within the European borders as a crucial objective and a symbol of the unification itself. The way mobility had to be thought and managed has been a crucial point both for the national building process (during and after decolonization) and for shaping the new European identity. Moreover, the way extra-European migration flows have been imagined, managed and represented shows in respect of who and what that identity has been defined, and permits us to draw its outlines and characters.

How the idea of contemporary Europe depends on the comparison of different societies and culture will be investigated during **three** appointments: the first one will focus on political decisions, debates and European policies about **decolonization** and **migration** from 1945 to 1992. The two following appointments will be held at the end of 2017 and in 2018, and will regard respectively the national policies about migrations, and the representation of migrants and mobility.

The first seminar will be held in **Forlì on 2- 4 March, 2017**. Scholars and researchers of all levels of experience are invited to submit proposals about the ways in which **national and international institutions, political parties, associations, historiography, public debate, juridical debate** have contributed to defining both the discourses and the policies about migrants developed by the European Community. Proposals on **practices** toward migrations from inside and outside Europe will be also considered.

Please submit presentation proposals (in Italian or English) of no more than 300 words and a brief biographical note to postwarmigrations@gmail.com by **November 27th 2016**. The list of accepted proposals will be notified by **December 10th, 2016**.

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