

## Description:

This conference will serve a double purpose: on the one hand participants will present research on the general theme of the relationship between Catholicism and fascism in Europe in the period 1918-45; on the other hand the discussion will be taken to a theoretical level. Participants will cover a number of geographical contexts which is unprecedented in a conference of this size. The final aim is to further develop an interpretive 'cluster' model that will incorporate a series of investigative matrixes, thus inspiring future research.

## Organised by:



## Scientific committee:

- Roger Griffin (Oxford Brookes)
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## Participation:

People who want to attend the conference for one, two or three days should pre-register and pay the attendance fee (15 euros/1 day, 25 euros/2 days, 35 euros/3 days). For pre-registration and payment, please contact **Jan Nelis** (jan.nelis@ugent.be, with a 'cc' to eline.scheerlinck@ugent.be). We urge those who want to attend the conference to register as soon as possible; registration closes on **September 3rd, 2010**. Admittance subject to availability.

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# *Catholicism and Fascism(s) in Europe 1918-1945:*

## *Beyond a Manichean Approach*

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15 - 17 September 2010

### **Keynote speakers:**

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2010

**09.00-09.30:** coffee and registration

**09.30-10.00:** welcome address (conference organizers)

**10.00-11.00:** EMILIO GENTILE: *Sacralizzazione della politica e totalitarismo: Cristo con Cesare o contro Cesare?*

**11.00-12.30:** I: Fascism and Political Catholicism

- MARK BIONDICH: *From Antemurale christianitatis to Antemurale humanitatis: Fascisticizing Catholicism in interwar Croatia*
- EGON PELIKAN: *Ideology of Slovene Political Catholicism in the Light of Ideological Premises of Fascism Between the Two World Wars*
- MARTINO PATTI: *Il dilemma fra collaborazione e resistenza. Il cattolicesimo tedesco di fronte alla Machtergreifung hitleriana*

**14.00-15.30:** II: National Churches 1

- MANUEL LOFF: *God, Fatherland, Authority: Catholic Church and Iberian Fascisticized Regimes, 1933-45*
- CSABA FAZEKAS: *The Roman Catholic Church and Extreme Right-Wing Ideologies in Hungary, 1920-1945*
- BETH ANN GRIECH-POLELLE: *The Catholic Episcopacy and the National Socialist State*

coffee break

**16.00-17.30:** III: Catholicism and Fascism in Italy

- PAUL ARPAIA: *Converging and Diverging Parallels: The Case of the Gerarca Luigi Federzoni (1878-1967)*
- MATTEO BARAGLI: *Il 'Centro Nazionale Italiano' e la figura di Filippo Crispolti: profili e progetti del clerico-fascismo italiano (1922-1930)*
- JAN NELIS: *Italian Catholic opinion and the Advent of Fascism: 'L'Avvenire d'Italia' 1922-25*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2010

**09.30h-10.30h:** ROGER GRIFFIN: *Solving the nomic crisis of modernity: the convergence between Catholicism's revealed religion and fascism's sacralized politics in inter-war Europe*

coffee break

**11.00-13.00:** IV: The Vatican and Totalitarianism

- ANNIE LACROIX-RIZ: *Le Vatican et le fascisme français 1938-1945*
- ALFONSO BOTTI: *Il rapporto tra S. Sede, chiesa spagnola e fascismo spagnolo (Falange) negli anni della guerra civile*
- HANS DE VALK: *The Vatican and Dutch National-Socialism in the 1930s. Pages from a Hidden Agenda*
- DONATELLO ARAMINI: *Istituti culturali, regime e Vaticano nel ventennio fascista*

**14.30-16.00:** V: Fascism, Catholicism and the Intellectuals

- CLAUDE PIERRE PEREZ: *Le cas Claudel*
- MICHEL FINCŒUR/CÉCILE VANDERPELEN: *L'arc-en-ciel. Une revue belge d'ordre nouveau catholique pendant la Deuxième Guerre mondiale*
- CYNTHIA PACES: *Catholics and Nationalism: Forging a New Identity in Interwar Czechoslovakia*

coffee break

**16.30-18.00:** VI: National Churches 2

- MIHAELA GRANCEA /CORNEL MOSNEAG: *The Romanian United (Greek-Catholic) Church and Right-Wing Extremism*
- DANIELE SERAPIGLIA: *Estado Novo: il fascio, la corona e la croce*
- LOTHAR HÖBELT: *Austrian Catholicism and the Fascist Options of the 1930s*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2010

**09.30-10.30:** RENATO MORO: *La Chiesa, i cattolici e i movimenti di tipo fascista in Europa: un tentativo di analisi comparativa*

**10.30-12.00:** VII: Theoretical Approaches and Considerations

- CONSTANTIN IORDACHI: *Fascism and Religion: The Case of the Iron Guard*
- OLEKSANDR ZAYTSEV: *The Heuristic Value of the Theory of Political Religion for the Study of Ukrainian Integral Nationalism and its Relations with the Greek-Catholic Church in the 1920-30s*
- HANS OTTO SEITSCHEK: *Katholische Kirche und Totalitarismus. Ein ideengeschichtlicher Überblick*

**14.30-16.00:** VIII: Catholicism and Fascism-Nazism as Seen From Abroad

- BORUT KLABJAN: *Fascism, Catholicism, Nazism. The Case of Interwar Slovakia*
- FEARGHAL MCGARRY: *Catholicism and fascism in Ireland, 1933-45*
- ANNE MORELLI: *L'emprise du fascisme sur l'encadrement religieux des émigrés italiens en Belgique (1922-1940)*

**16.00-16.40:** JAN NELIS, Concluding Remarks