

change

The theme of Change and Cross-cultural Relations provides the theoretical framework for the XX AISLLI Conference hosted by the Center for Italian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Is the Italian identity singular or plural both in and outside of Italy? How has it been transformed at different times and within different spaces and how has it altered other cultures? How was it able to reinvent itself as a myth in the culture of emigrants? How is it affecting social change in the age of globalization?

The conference will explore language, politics, the media, the arts, the economy, and material culture in order to examine Italian identity/ies as a world-wide phenomenon. In particular, the conference will focus on what we should call “the Italies outside of Italy”: the large or “little Italies” which embodied and embody a regional identity more than a national one. These Italies are now part of a “glocal (global+local) world” in which cultural and ethnic identities are less linked to their territory than they were in the past. The notion of this new “glocal” reality will open political questions, regarding the limits of the idea of nation and the national conception of democracy.

General speakers include:

Teodolinda Barolini; Piero Bassetti; Daniela Bini; Kevin Brownlee; Nancy Carnevale; Hermann Haller; Fred Gardaphè; Giulio Lepschy; Millicent Marcus; Francesco Nonino; Remigio Ratti; Sanja Roic; Joseph Sciorra; Barbara Spackman; Jonathan Steinberg; H. Wayne Storey; Anthony Tamburri; Maddalena Tirabassi; Vincenzo Todisco; Lorenzo Tomasin; Robert Viscusi; Rebecca West.

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DECEMBER 3, 2009

Terrace Room, Claudia Cohen Hall,
249 South 36th Street

- 15:00-15:30 Opening Ceremony
15:30-16:15 Plenary Session.
**Keynote Address 1: Giulio Lepschy,
"Ethnicity and Language in Italy"**
16:15-16:45 Coffee Break
16:45-17:30 Plenary Session.
**Keynote Address 2: Teodolinda
Barolini, "Identity / Alterity / Dante"**
17:30-18:15 Parallel Sessions

DECEMBER 4, 2009

G17, Claudia Cohen Hall,
249 South 36th Street

- 09:30-10:15 Plenary Session: **Daniela Bini,
"Pulcinella: un pensiero meridiano"**
10:15-11:00 Plenary Session: **Millicent Marcus,
"Italian National Identity on
International Screen: Cannes 2008"**
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
11:15-12:00 Parallel Sessions
12:00-13:30 Lunch
13:30-14:15 Parallel Sessions

- 14:15-15:00 Plenary Session: **Lorenzo Tomasin,
"A Short History of a Word: Italian"**
15:00-15:45 Plenary Session: **Sanja Roic,
"An italian Island in the slavonic
Sea: the case of Istria and
Quarnero"**
15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
16:00-16:45 Plenary Session: **Rebecca West,
"From Italian 'Vitellone' to
International 'Mito:' Rodolfo
Valentino's Vicissitudes of Identity"**
16:45-17:30 Plenary Session: **Vincenzo Todisco,
"L'italiano ai margini: rischi e
opportunità di una dimensione
minoritaria"**
17:30-18:15 Presentazione della mostra fotografica
e del libro **"Americhe"** di **Francesco
Nonino**, a cura del CRAF, Centro
Ricerche e Archiviazione della
Fotografia del Friuli Venezia Giulia
20:00-21:30 **Gala Reception** - by invitation or
registration only

DECEMBER 5, 2009

Bi Meyerson Hall,
210 South 34th Street

- 09:00-09:45 Parallel Sessions
09:45-10:30 Plenary Session: **Barbara Spackman,
"Muslim in Milan: The Orientalism
of Leda Rafanelli"**
10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

- 10:45-11:30 Plenary Session: **Wayne Storey,
"Textus receptus and crises of
cultural identity"**
11:30-12:15 Plenary Session: **Hermann Haller,
"L'italiano fuori d'Italia: la sua
identità multipla negli Stati Uniti"**
12:15-13:30 Lunch
13:30-14:15 Plenary Session: **Kevin Brownlee,
"Dante's France: Vernacular
Poetics, Imperial Politics, and
Salvation History in the Commedia"**
14:15-15:00 Plenary Session: **Jonathan Steinberg,
"Why Italian Switzerland? In
Search of an Identity"**
15:00-15:15 Coffee Break
15:15-16:00 Plenary Session: **Piero Bassetti and
Maddalena Tirabassi, "Glocalismo
e identità: i linguaggi dell'italicità"**
16:00-17:15 Plenary session - Round Table:
**"Interstitial Placing[s]: Negotiating
Identities in the United States"**
**Anthony Tamburri, Moderator -
Fred Gardaphè, Nancy Carnevale,
Joseph Sciorra, Robert Viscusi**
17:15-18:00 Plenary Session: **Remigio Ratti,
"La triade Lingue/ Economia/
Società nella globalità: spunti per
un approccio strategico"**
18:00-19:00 Assemblea AISLLI

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