

Spring School on Colonial Studies

April 20-23, 2026

Palazzone di Cortona

Programme

Monday 20th April

9:00-13:00	<i>Arrival to Cortona Residence</i>
13:00-14:00	<i>Welcome Lunch</i>
14:45-15:00	Opening Remarks Marco Deseriis & Hadeel Karkar, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy
15:00-16:45	Lecture: “The Political Economy of the Colonial Enterprise” Miguel Mellino, Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Italy
16:45-17:00	<i>Coffe Break</i>
17:00-19:00	Workshop for Group 1 “The Political Economy of the Colonial Enterprise” Miguel Mellino, Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Italy

Tuesday 21st April

9:00-11:00	Lecture: “Tracing Colonial Genocides from Drogheda 1649 to Gaza 2023” Hadeel Karkar, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffe Break</i>
11:15-13:15	Lecture: “De-colonizing "Indigeneity"” Ipshita Chanda, University of English and Foreign Languages, India
13:15-15:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
15:00-16:45	Workshop for Group 6 “De-colonizing "Indigeneity"” Ipshita Chanda, University of English and Foreign Languages, India
16:45-17:00	<i>Coffe Break</i>
17:00-19:00	Lecture: “Decolonial Feminism: from Abya Yala to Europe” Valeria Ribeiro Corossacz, Università Roma Tre, Italy

Wednesday 22nd April

- 9:00-11:00 **Workshop for Group 5**
“Decolonial Feminism: from Abya Yala to Europe”
Valeria Ribeiro Corossacz, Università Roma Tre, Italy
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffe Break*
- 11:15-13:15 Lecture: **“From Coloniality of Knowledge to Post-Western Epistemologies”**
Gennaro Ascione, Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Italy
- 13:15-15:00 *Lunch Break*
- 15:00-16:45 **Workshop for Group 2**
“From Coloniality of Knowledge to Post-Western Epistemologies”
Gennaro Ascione, Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Italy
- 16:45-17:00 *Coffe Break*
- 17:00-19:00 Interactive workshop: **“Black Presence embedded in Collective Memory Sites in Italy”**
Lorenzo Zamponi, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

Thursday 23rd April

- 9:00-11:00 Lecture: **“Anti-colonial Social Movements”**
Roberto D. Hernández, University of San Diego, USA
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffe Break*
- 11:15-13:15 **Workshop for Group 3**
“Anti-colonial Social Movements”
Roberto D. Hernández, University of San Diego, USA
- 13:15-15:00 *Lunch Break*
- 15:00-16:45 Lecture: **“The Function of Colonial Prisons and the possibilities of Sumud during Genocide”**
Lena Meari, Birzeit University, Palestine (online)
Workshop for Group 4
- 16:45-17:00 *Coffe Break*
- 17:00-19:00 Round table discussion: **“The Question of Political Agency in the context of the International Solidarity with Palestine”**
“The International Solidarity with Palestine” Donatella Della Porta,
Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy
with interventions from Hernández and Meari