

# Spring School on Colonial Studies

April 20-23, 2026

Palazzone di Cortona

## Programme

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

9:00-13:00 *Arrival to Cortona Residence*

13:00-14:45 *Welcome Lunch*  
*Venue: Palazzone di Cortona*

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  
  
Discussant: Daniela Musina, Università di Palermo

16:45-17:15 *Coffee Break*

17:15-19:00 **Workshop for Group 1**  
"The Political Economy of the Colonial Enterprise"  
Miguel Mellino, Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Italy

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

9:00-11:00 **Lecture: "Tracing Colonial Genocides from Drogheda 1649 to Gaza 2023"**  
Hadeel Karkar, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:30 **Lecture: "De-colonizing "Indigeneity""**  
Ipshita Chanda, University of English and Foreign Languages, India

13:30-14:45 *Lunch Break*  
*Venue: Palazzone di Cortona*

14:45-16:30 **Workshop for Group 6**  
"De-colonizing "Indigeneity""  
Ipshita Chanda, University of English and Foreign Languages, India

16:30-17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00-19:00 **Lecture: "Decolonial Feminism: from Abya Yala to Europe"**  
Valeria Ribeiro Corossacz, Università Roma Tre, Italy

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

9:00-11:00 **Workshop for Group 5**  
"Decolonial Feminism: from Abya Yala to Europe"  
Valeria Ribeiro Corossacz, Università Roma Tre, Italy

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:30 Lecture: **"From Coloniality of Knowledge to Post-Western Epistemologies"**  
Gennaro Ascione, Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Italy

13:30-14:45 *Lunch Break*  
*Venue: Palazzone di Cortona*

14:45-16:30 **Workshop for Group 2**  
"From Coloniality of Knowledge to Post-Western Epistemologies"  
Gennaro Ascione, Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Italy

16:30-17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00-19:00 Interactive workshop: **"Black Presence embedded in Collective Memory Sites in Italy"**  
Lorenzo Zamponi, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

9:00-11:00 Lecture: **"Anti-colonial Social Movements"**  
Roberto D. Hernández, University of San Diego, USA

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:30 **Workshop for Group 3**  
"Anti-colonial Social Movements"  
Roberto D. Hernández, University of San Diego, USA

13:30-14:45 *Lunch Break*  
*Venue: Palazzone di Cortona*

14:45-16:30 Lecture: **"The Function of Colonial Prisons and the possibilities of Sumud during Genocide"**  
Lena Meari, Birzeit University, Palestine (online)  
**Workshop for Group 4**

16:30-17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00-17:30 Lecture: **"The International Solidarity with Palestine"** Donatella Della Porta,  
Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

17:30-19:00

**Roundtable discussion: "The Question of Political Agency in the International Solidarity with Palestine"**

Chair: Donatella della Porta

Participants: Roberto D. Hernández, Lena Meari (Online), Hela Yousfi (Online), Nerea Montejo Lopez (Online), and Federica Stagni.

Discussant: Sarah ElMasry

20:00

**Farewell Dinner** (venue TBC)

\* Since workshop groups do not run in parallel, everyone is expected to attend and engage in every workshop session.