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Workshop

January 23rd - 24th 2026

Dipartimento di Economia e Impresa  
Università di Catania  
Palazzo delle Scienze, Aula 6  
Corso Italia 55, Catania

## FROM DEGLOBALIZATION TO AUTARKY: CRISIS AND METAMORPHOSIS OF ITALIAN ECONOMY IN THE 1930S

Organizers: Marco Bertilorenzi (Università di Padova), Francesco Chiapparino (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Mario Perugini (Università di Catania)

# Programme

## Friday 23 January 2026

### 09.30-10.00 - Welcome address

Marco Bertilorenzi (Università di Padova), Mario Perugini (Università di Catania), Francesco Chiapparino (Politecnica delle Marche)

### 10.00-12.30

### Session I: the Prin 2022 project “From deglobalization to autarky: crisis and metamorphosis of Italian economy in the 1930s”

Marco Bertilorenzi (Università di Padova) e Mario De Prosopo (Università di Padova), **International trade and foreign direct investments in the Italian autarky. New perspectives**

Francesco Chiapparino (Politecnica delle Marche), **Agriculture, crisis and autarky in 1930s Italy**

Marianna Astore (Università dell'Insubria), Mario Perugini (Università di Catania) and Michele Santoro (Università di Catania), **The Bank of Italy's industrial intervention from the Great crisis to autarky**

### 12.30-13.30 - Lunch

### 13.30-16.00

### Session II: Firms and industries in an autarkic economy

Fabio Di Vita and Mario Perugini (Università di Catania), **Between rhetoric and reality: the Italian mining industry during the interwar period**

Giovanni Favero (Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia), **Foreign multinationals in Italy: the case of Smalterie Venete**

Tancredi Salamone (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna), **Internationalisation of Italian technology (1900-1939)**

Fernando Salsano (Università di Roma Tor Vergata), **The impact of autarky on the Italian construction industry**

### 16.00-16.30 - Coffee break

### 16.00-18.30

### Session III: “Autarky or autarkies? Toward an international comparison”

Roman Koester (Universität der Bundeswehr München), **Financial preconditions of autarky policy in the 1930s**

Andrew Perchard (University of Otago, New Zealand), **Preparing for the next war: British imperial minerals intelligence and planning in the 1930s**

Simon Renner (Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)), **Anti-blockade strategies in 1930s: a comparison between Italy and Germany**

Jonas Scherner (Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)), **Nazi Germany's Autarky Policy: the current state of research**

## Saturday 24 January 2026

### 9.30-12.00

### Session IV: The debate on autarky: economists and managers

Fabrizio Bientinesi (Università di Pisa), **“Di necessità virtù”: the debate on autarky in Italy in the 1930s**

Valerio Cerretano (Università di Firenze), **From exchange controls to import-substitution and export-led industrialisation. Some insights from the Italian experience of the 1930s**

Giacomo Gabbuti (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna), **Income distribution in Italy, 1901-1973: a new perspective from dynamic social tables**

Bruno Settis (Università di Bologna), **An Italian engineer during the autarky period: Ugo Gobbato**

### 12.00-13.00

### Final Roundtable: toward a global history of Italian autarky (book proposal)

### 13.00 - Lunch

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