



**Engaged Citizens.
Public-Private
Partnerships and Hybrid
Practices of Shared
Monopoly on Violence
in Europe, 1870s-1920s**

**27-28 November 2025
Sala Dainelli**

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Thursday 27 November 2025

15.00–15.15 Institutional greetings

Paola De Vivo, Head of the Department of Political Sciences

15.15–15.30 Introduction

Marco Maria Aterrano (University of Naples Federico II)

Matteo Millan (University of Padua)

Enrico Acciai (University of Rome Tor Vergata)

15.30–16.45 Keynote speech

Marco Meriggi (University of Naples Federico II)

The Rechtsstaat and its Borders. Armed Citizenship in Liberal Europe

16.45–17.15 Coffee break

17.15–19.00 Panel 1: State Responses to Citizen Mobilisation

Chair: Laura Di Fiore (University of Naples Federico II)

Amerigo Caruso (University of Bonn)

***Drifting Out of Control? Citizens in Arms and the Public–Private
Dynamics of Violence in Wilhelmine and Weimar Germany, 1890–1933***

Francesca Frisone (University of Messina)

***State Responses to Citizen Participation in Policing Activities in
Liberal Italy, 1900–1914***

Lewis Driver (European University Institute)

***Early Practices of Fascist Violence and State Collusion in the Province
of Arezzo***

Celestine Kunkeler (University of Oslo)

Anti-Bolshevism and the Dutch State, 1918–1929

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Friday 28 November 2025

9.00–10.30 Panel 2: Private Security and Citizen Mobilisation
Chair: Teodoro Tagliaferri (University of Naples Federico II)

Lorenzo Pera (University of Padua)

*Private Security Agencies and Defense of Private Property between
Liberal and Fascist Italy, 1871–1926*

Assumpta Castillo Cañiz (University of Padua)

*Armed Groups Outside Law Enforcement: The Case of Spain and
Portugal, 1870–1914*

Andrea Azzarelli (University of Padua)

*Guarding Capital: Private Security, Industrial Conflict, and State
Power in France, 1890–1920*

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

**11.00–12.45 Panel 3: Civilian Mobilisation and Revolutionary
Violence**

Chair: Olindo De Napoli (University of Naples Federico II)

Costanza Bonelli (University of Roma Tor Vergata)

*Irregular Forces, Informal Policing and Hybrid Practices of
Surveillance in Colonia Eritrea, 1898–1918*

Luca Bertolani Azeredo (Scuola Superiore Meridionale)

*“I Fought the Law, and I Won”. The United Kingdom and the Crisis of
Paramilitarism, 1900–1916*

Filippo Barsi (Scuola Normale Superiore)

*Weapons and Identity: Irish Revolutionary Women and the
Construction of a Resistance Culture, 1909–1923*

Tamás Révész (Eötvös Loránd University Budapest)

*Patriotic Citizens and Revolutionary Workers? Civilian Self-
Mobilisation in the Multi-Ethnic Borderlands of Austria-Hungary,
1918*

12.45–13.00 Concluding remarks