



# POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TRANSNATIONAL SOLIDARITY DURING THE 20TH CENTURY

16 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 | ROOM 001  
PALAZZO PRODI, TRENTO

Il presente evento è finanziato dall'Unione europea - Next Generation EU, nell'ambito del bando PRIN 2022PRIN Political Repression and International Solidarity Networks (PRISON).  
The Transnational Mobilization on Behalf of Political Prisoners in the Interwar Period (1918-1939 ca.) (2022XBMWZ3)



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## 2.30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

UMBERTO TULLI - ELENA BACCHIN - STEFANIA VENTRA

## 3.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

JESSICA STITES MOR (BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY) RENDERING SOLIDARITY VISIBLE:  
REPRESENTATIONAL STRATEGIES OF TRICONTINENTALISM

## 4.45 ART IN JAIL; ART AGAINST JAIL (CHAIR STEFANIA VENTRA, UNIVERSITÀ CA' FOSCARI)

LORENZO CARLETTI (MIUR) "VILE TE È LA TUA ITALIA". POLITICAL PRISONERS IN VICOPISANO JAIL  
BETWEEN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES

HARRIET ATKINSON (BRIGHTON UNIVERSITY) ALLIES INSIDE GERMANY? SOLIDARITY EXHIBITIONS  
MOUNTED IN BRITAIN DURING WORLD WAR TWO

UMBERTO TULLI (UNIVERSITÀ DI TRENTO) THE VENICE BIENNALE BETWEEN CHILE AND COMMUNIST  
EUROPE, 1974-1977

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## 09:00 IN THE SHADOW OF TOTALITARIANISM (CHAIR: SIMON LEVI SULLAM, UNIVERSITÀ CA' FOSCARI)

ANNA SHAPOVALOVA (SCIENCESPO LYON) WHEN THE FIGURE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONER SPARKS  
DEBATE: ENTANGLED HISTORIES OF THE FEDERATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL RED AID IN INTERWAR EUROPE

ANNA VERONICA POBBE (UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO) RED WOMEN AGAINST NAZI TERROR.  
HISTORIES OF ACTIVISM AND MARTYRDOM

LUCA POLESE REMAGGI (UNIVERSITÀ DI SALERNO) FROM RED TERROR TO NEP. THE INTERNATIONAL  
LEFT IN DEFENSE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE BOLSHEVIK REGIME.

## 11.15 HUMANITARIAN AID DURING THE 1930s (CHAIR ROBERTO TESI, UNIVERSITÀ DI TRENTO)

**ELENA BACCHIN (UNIVERSITÄT WIEN)** HUMANITARIANISM AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM IN INTERWAR AMERICA: THE FOUNDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

**FRANCESCA PIANA (UNIVERSITÀ DI TRENTO)** THE LIMITS OF HUMANITARIAN AID. THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS IN GERMANY (1933-1938)

## 3.00 SOLIDARITY WITH WESTERN POLITICAL PRISONERS (CHAIR: GABRIELE SIRACUSANO, UNIVERSITÀ DI TRENTO)

**ARIEL MOND (VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY)** POLITICAL PRISONERS IN LAW AND LEGAL SOLIDARITY: THE CASE OF THE MADAGASCAR SIX

**TOM BUCHANAN (OXFORD UNIVERSITY)** PETER BENENSON, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE APPEAL FOR AN AMNESTY IN SPAIN, 1959-1968

## 4.30 TRANSNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC (CHAIR LAURA CHIARA CECCHI, UNIVERSITÀ DI TRENTO)

**BENT BOEL (AALBORG UNIVERSITY)** WESTERN (NON-)ENCOUNTERS WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE SOVIET BLOC: NARRATIVES AND APPROACHES

**MADDALENA VALACCHI (UNIVERSITÀ DI TRENTO)** BEYOND THE IRON SILENCE: HOW SOLIDARNOSC'S POLITICAL PRISONERS CALLED THE WORLD TO LISTEN

## 6.30 FINAL ROUNDTABLE

REFERENTE SCIENTIFICO: TULLI UMBERTO