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# Identities and Politics throughout History

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**Abstract:** Identities are powerful drives in human history. They build the understanding of the world of all human actors, and inevitably affect their actions. Both collective and individual identities are - now as ever - key features of all political activities. The creation and the control of identities are at the heart of all power relations, and as such they have been deeply investigated by human sciences. Indeed, political historians encounter the performative power of identities in most of their research. Nevertheless, they rarely find spaces to debate on identity issues and the tools needed to understand them. The main goal of the Florentine session of the 5th Workshop of the Political History PhD Network is to provide such space.

Since the cultural turn, the constructivist stance has been crucial in historiography. The seminal works of Benedict Anderson and Eric Hobsbawm have questioned ethnical and national identities, while E.P. Thompson with his *The making of the English working class* has inaugurated the investigation on the construction of class identities. In the meantime, gender studies have shown the cultural nature of gender identities. More recently, studies on personal identification have revealed the close relation between political power and the control of personal identities. In any case, it remains clear that it is not possible to conduct research on political history without questioning the identities used by both the historical actors and the historical observers as ourselves.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 17 October

**9:00-10:00**            **Registration and Welcome coffee**  
**10:00-10:15**         **Welcome by Stefano Poggi and Ignacio Garcia de Paso**

**Session 1: Reconfiguring Identities**

**10:15-12:00**         **McCann**, Irish clerical communities in Paris and Rome 1770-1830  
**Braga**, "Procura-se viúva de bons costumes": Women widowhood, identity and property over the  
**Plauevent**, from sexual politics to identity politics in France (1930-1970)

**12:15-13:30**         Lunch, Canteen

**Session 2:            Militant Identities**

**13:30-15:30**         **Castillo**, We, who produce, work and pay. The political radicalisation of the propertied classes in Spain and Portugal (1870-1915)  
**Albornoz**, Fascism and Nationalism: The Transnational Construction of a Right-wing Militant in Argentina 50-60  
**Salo**, weekly newspaper create Italy new right wing identity 1950-1953  
**Priorielli**, the nation in the construction of fascist and Falangist identity?

**15:30-16:00**         **Coffe break**, Cloister

**16:00-17:00**         **Keynote speech, Jenny HESTERMANN – Title TBA**

**19:45**                 **Dinner**

Friday, 18 October

**Session 3: Identities and National Building**

**9:00-11:00**           **Avalli**, Constructing Italian racial identity: the Etruscan question 20-30  
**Casales**, Reframing Whiteness. The Symbolic Imaginary of Miscegenation in Fascist Italy  
**Darksen**, Disability, Nation-Building and Indigenous Identity in Postcolonial Greenland 1981  
**Priorielli**

**11:00-11:30**         **Coffe break**, Cloister

**Session 4: Diplomacy and Identities**

**11:30-13:30**         **Ciappi**, Think tanks, Atlantism, and the construction of Western World identity  
Ponte e Sousa, Portuguese foreign policy and change in national identity: Europe and the transition to democracy  
**Ennas**, Ottoman Diplomats characterising Italian populations during the Risorgimento (1848-1870)  
**Slingerland**, Professional and political collective identities show their limitations when patients' personal identity breaks the gridlock flying European heart patients to the US

**13:30-15:00**         **Lunch**

**15:00-16:15**         **Keynote speech by Lucy Riall**

**16:15-17:00**         **Concluding Session: The Future of the Political History PhD Network**

**17:00**                 **Cocktail**