

*Scholars in North America have produced many publications on Italian history in general and on women and gender in particular. In Italy, too, articles and monographs and journals as well as group research projects on these topics have proliferated. The objectives of this conference are to bring together scholars from Italy and North America, some of whom have not previously met, and to open a comparative dialogue on North American and Italian studies of the history of women.*

*On the first day, four sessions will focus on successive historical periods. Each will begin with two papers, one by a North American and the other by an Italian scholar, followed by comments from two or three discussants. The second day will feature presentations on several Italian group research initiatives and a North American series of translated texts. The conference will conclude with a general discussion of the presentations and of how to facilitate dialogue in the future.*



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## **North American and Italian Historiography in Dialogue:**

**History of Italian Women  
from the Renaissance  
to the Risorgimento**



**Milano, 5-6 aprile 2011  
Palazzo Greppi, via Sant'Antonio 12  
Sala Napoleonica**

## PROGRAM

### Tuesday, 5 April 2011

9.30 a.m. Greetings from the Director of the Department of Historical Sciences: Grado G. Merlo  
Introduction to the conference: Elena Brambilla

#### 10.00 a.m. FIRST SESSION

##### *Nuns and convents in Italy*

Renée Baernstein (University of Miami),  
*A Survey of American Historiography on the Culture of Women in Italian Convents*

Gabriella Zarri (Università di Firenze),  
*Una rassegna sugli studi italiani sui conventi femminili e le loro culture*

*Discussants:* Marina Caffiero (Università di Roma "La Sapienza"), Anne Jacobson Schutte (University of Virginia)

11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

#### 11.30 a.m. SECOND SESSION

##### *Women, Literary Culture, and Science in Italy*

Maurizio Mazzotti (University of California, Berkeley), *A Survey of North American Historiography on Women's Culture and Women Scientists in Italy*

Marta Cavazza (Università di Bologna),  
*Una rassegna dei profili e degli studi italiani sulle donne colte nel Sei-Settecento italiano*

*Discussants:* Maria Pia Donato (Università di Cagliari), Pina Totaro (Università di Roma "La Sapienza")

1.00 p.m. Lunch

#### 2.30 p.m. THIRD SESSION

##### *Women and the Enlightenment in Italy*

Rebecca Messbarger (Washington University in St. Louis), *A Survey of American Historiography on Women and Enlightenment in Italy*

Tiziana Plebani (Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia),  
*Una rassegna degli studi su salotti e cultura femminile nell'Italia del Settecento*

*Discussants:* Roberto Bizzocchi (Università di Pisa), Elisabetta Graziosi (Università di Bologna), Catherine Sama (University of Rhode Island)

4.00 p.m. Coffee Break

#### 4.30 p.m. FOURTH SESSION

##### *Women and the Birth of the Nation State in the Risorgimento*

Susan Dalton (Université de Montréal),  
*A Survey of Historiography on Women in the Risorgimento*

Andreina De Clementi (Direttrice della rivista "Genesis"), *Rassegna degli studi italiani su donne e Risorgimento*

*Discussants:* Angiolina Arru (Università di Napoli I "Orientale"), Paul Ginsborg (Università di Firenze), Laura Guidi (Università di Napoli "Federico II")

### Wednesday, 6 April 2011

#### *A Presentation of some Working Groups on Italian Women's History: Sources and Publications*

9.30 a.m. Maria Luisa Betri (Università degli Studi di Milano), *Gli archivi delle donne. Repertorio delle fonti femminili negli archivi milanesi, 1814-1859* ed. by Maria Canella and Paola Zocchi

Marina Zancan (Università di Roma "La Sapienza")  
*Dottorato di ricerca in storia delle scritture femminili* (in cooperation with the Humanities Faculties at the Universities of Turin, Milan, Bologna, Siena, Macerata)

Tiziana Plebani, Nadia Maria Filippini (Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia), *Research on new sources and recent publications on the history of women in Venice*

Anna Scattigno (Università di Firenze), *L'Archivio per la Memoria e la Scrittura delle donne "Alessandra Contini Bonacossi"* Archivio di Stato di Firenze

Dinora Corsi (Università di Firenze), *La Rivista "Storia delle donne"*, Firenze

11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

11.30 a.m. Cesarina Casanova, Lucia Ferrante (Università di Bologna), *Research on new sources and recent publications in the State University of Bologna*

Marina Caffiero (Università di Roma "La Sapienza"), Manola Ida Venzo (Archivio di Stato di Roma) *Published Series of New Archival Sources: La memoria restituita. Fonti per la storia delle donne*, Roma, Viella, 2007-2011

Angiolina Arru (Università di Napoli "L'Orientale"), Laura Guidi (Università di Napoli "Federico II"), *Studi di genere e Dottorato internazionale in Storia delle Donne: with special attention to the Journal "La Camera blu" and the published series of "Quaderni di Biblink"*, Napoli

Andreina de Clementi, *The activities of the "Società italiana delle storiche" and its Journal "Genesis"*, Roma

1.00 p.m. Lunch

2.30 p.m. Catherine Sama, *Summary Presentation of Books by Italian Women in the University of Chicago Press series "The Other Voice in Early Modern Europe"*

Discussion (presiding: Maria Luisa Betri, Elena Brambilla)

Everyone is invited to participate, in his or her mother tongue, in a discussion of the papers presented on 5 April, the reports on research centers presented in the morning of 6 April, and ways and means of promoting closer cooperation between American and Italian scholars studying the history of women in Italy.