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MAO ZEDONG'S POLITICAL THOUGHT AND HIS LEGACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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International Conference

Urbino, 14-15 May, 2025

The conference's program is available on: <https://uniurb-it.zoom.us/j/83690841283>



May 14th

Aula Rettorato

Via Saffi, 2

h. 3:00pm

Greetings from the Dean Giorgio Calcagnini
Director of the DESP Giuseppe Travaglini

h. 3:15pm

Introduction to the Conference with Stefano Visentin and Asia Marcantoni

h. 3:30pm

Chair: Stefano Visentin

Anthony Saich, Harvard University: "Is Xi Jinping the Mao Zedong for the New Era?"

Discussants: Asia Marcantoni, University of Urbino, Nicola Giannelli, University of Urbino
Discussion

h. 5:15pm

Coffee Break

h. 5:30pm

Rebecca E. Karl, New York University: "From Mao to Now"

Discussants: Gaia Perini, University of Bologna, Sofia Graziani, University of Trento
Discussion

h. 8:30pm

Dinner

May 15th

Aula Magna

Piazza Gherardi, 4

h. 9am

Chair: Anthony Saich

Guido Samarani, University of Venice, Ca' Foscari: "Italian Communism and Mao Zedong's Political Thought. An Overview"

Discussants: Fabio Frosini, University of Urbino, Giorgio Cesarale, University of Venice, Ca' Foscari
Discussion

h. 10:45am

Coffee Break

h. 11:00am

Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group: "Peasant as One of the Many Legacies of Chairman Mao in the Postcolonial World"

Discussants: Giorgio Grappi, University of Bologna, Anna Maria Medici, University of Urbino
Discussion

h. 1:15pm

Lunch

h. 3:00pm

Chair: Rebecca E. Karl

Michael Schoenhals, Lund University: "Mao Zedong (1976-): All Things Must Pass"

Discussants: Simone Dossi, University of Milano, Giacomo Tarascio, University of Urbino
Discussion

h. 4:45pm

Coffee Break

h. 5:00pm

PUN Ngai and QIAN Zhong Kai, Lingnan University, Hong Kong: "Reflection on Maoism and Labor Activism in Contemporary China"

Discussants: Dario Di Conzo, Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa, Stefano Visentin, University of Urbino
Discussion

h. 6:45pm

Conclusive remarks with Guido Samarani and Fabio Frosini