

MICHELE SARFATTI:

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF THE RACE LAWS

On the 80th Anniversary of the Race Laws (1938-2018)

The Anti-Jewish Legislation of Fascist Italy 1938-1943

Monday, October 22, 6:30PM
Casa Italiana, 24 West 12th St

Context and background – Fascism. The Jews in Italy. Antecedents and Mussolini's decision. Italian autonomy in the European context. The relation to the law against the populations of the colonies. The question of the Italian citizenship. The racial and biological paradigm.

The Content of the Law

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30PM
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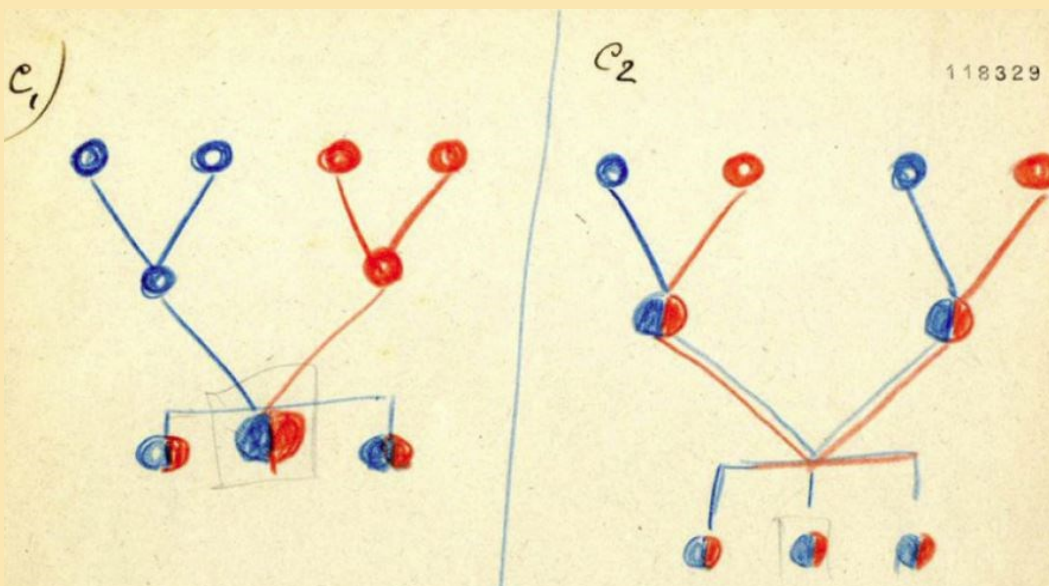
The goals of the law. Foreign Jews: expulsion and internment. The project of the expulsion of Italian Jews. Places of the persecution: school, culture, professions. The internment of "dangerous" Italian Jews. The question of violence. Reactions in society.

The Persecution of Jews in Italy 1938-1943

Friday, October 26, 2:00PM
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The armistice of September 8th, 1943. The German occupation. The Italian social republic. The German arrests. The Italian arrests. Internment camps in Italy. Massacres and deportations to Auschwitz. Statistics. Underground life and survival. Reactions in society.

Michele Sarfatti is the author of seminal works on the Jews and the anti-Semitic persecution in Modern Italy. His groundbreaking study, *The Jews in Mussolini's Italy: from Equality to Persecution*, Madison 2006, drastically changed the way in which historians consider the Mussolini's Racial Laws and the persecution of the Jews in Italy. He has been Coordinator of the activities (1982-2002) and Director (2002-2016) of the *Fondazione Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea CDEC*, Milan. He is one of the founding editors of the e-journal *Quest*. *Issues in Contemporary Jewish History*. He is a member of Scientific Committees of *Fondazione Museo nazionale dell'Ebraismo italiano e della Shoah*, Ferrara, and of *Fondazione Museo della Shoah*, Roma. See also: www.michelesarfatti.it.



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Attendance is free. Please specify date, name and affiliation.
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