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- How can fascism studies contribute to the debate among scholars of antisemitism who emphasize *longue durée* continuities (the "eternalism thesis") leading to the Holocaust, on the one hand, and those who emphasize discontinuities (the "contextualism thesis"), on the other?
- How did fascist ideologies, movements, and regimes contribute to the radicalization of antisemitism in Europe?
- How was antisemitism integrated with other elements of the fascist ideology? Did antisemitism function as an ideological 'glue' which enhanced the coherence of fascist ideology?
- What are the similarities and differences in antisemitic policies among various fascist regimes? How do they compare to those of non-fascist – conservatives and authoritarians

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- What functions did antisemitism perform in various fascist ideologies, movements and regimes? We will examine the multifaceted nature of antisemitism and the ways in which it facilitated international fascist cooperation and the mobilization of new members.
- How was antisemitism entangled with other groups identified as “unwanted” in the imagined fascist utopia, such as political opponents or other ethnic, religious, “racial,” or sexual minorities? Did antisemitism generate new venues of persecution of “Others,” or vice versa?
- How did the specific forms of fascist mobilization, and regime consolidation influence the decision-making process regarding the persecution of Jews and the Holocaust?
- How can the integration of methods from studies of fascism and perpetrator studies enhance our understanding of the participation of “ordinary men” in the mass murder and genocide during World War II?
- We will also encourage participants to rethink collaboration and autonomy in the decision-making behind the Holocaust in Europe.

Summer school modules will be taught by leading practitioners in these fields. Lecturers include: Antonio Costa-Pinto, University of Lisbon, Portugal; Roger Griffin, Emeritus Professor, Oxford Brookes University; Constantin Iordachi, CEU PU, Vienna, Austria; Aristotle Kallis, Keele University, UK; Paula Oppermann, LMU Munich; and Lovro Kralj, University of Rijeka, Croatia.

How to apply:

We welcome applications from advanced BA, MA and doctoral students as well as from post-doctoral fellows (max. five years after their defense). Students interested in attending the summer school should send a short statement of research and a short bio to comfassummerschool2023@comfas.org no later than 30 April 2023. For further information, please contact the organizers at iordachinc@ceu.edu and lovro.kralj@uniri.hr.

All participants will be granted tuition waiver, free accommodation, an electronic reading pack, and tickets to the inaugural and farewell dinners. They are responsible for traveling to and from Rijeka, for covering their meals and incidentals, and for paying a registration fee of 100,00 Euro. Online attendance is also possible for a small group of selected participants against the registration fee.

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