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# CIVITAS

## Symposium 2017

*Christian Democracy and  
Labour after World War II*

## Workshop

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Room NI.110  
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Industrial capitalism structurally changed after WWII, with repercussions on working conditions and on the quality of workers' and their families' life. On the political field, Christian values and the traditional Christian Democratic model were put to the test by new Labour issues. In the Fifties and Sixties, the increase in wealth and the broader demand for individual and common welfare reshaped the concepts of political and social citizenship. The turbulent Seventies challenged the self-healing qualities of an increasingly global-oriented capitalism, while Communist regimes were on the decline. Finally, the last decades of the XX<sup>th</sup> century saw a crisis of the representative role of political parties, opening the way to new developments of the democratic system.

The symposium is going to discuss how Christian-inspired associations (political parties, movements, trade unions and cooperatives) tried to promote over time new political and social projects combining capitalist economy with democratic participation of citizens and workers.

#### Thursday, 26th October, 2017, room NI.110

2.00 p.m.

##### Welcome address

Hanns Jürgen KÜSTERS, President of Civitas

Aldo CARERA, Director of Mario Romani Archive

Domenico BODEGA, Dean of Economics Faculty, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

2.30 p.m.

**Introductory lesson:** Lorenzo ORNAGHI, Honorary President of Aseri

3.00 p.m.

##### Session 1: Politics and Labour

**Chair:** Andrea Maria LOCATELLI, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

**Discussants:** Guido FORMIGONI, IULM, Italy, and Michael GEHLER, University of Hildesheim, Germany

3.15 p.m.

Gineth Andrea ÁLVAREZ SATIZABAL, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

*Development and Integration in the Origins of the CD Organization of America (ODCA). Answers to the Workers' Concerns?*

3.45 p.m.

Isabel CLAVEL, Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France

*The Role of the MRP within the Parliamentary Committee on Labour and Social Insurance (1944-1958)*

4.15 p.m.

Marcello REGGIANI, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy

*Carlo Donat-Cattin: from the 'Miracle' to the 'hot Autumn' (1958-1972)*

4.45 p.m. Discussion

5.15 p.m. Coffee break

5.30 p.m.

##### Session 2: CD and Social Changes

**Chair:** Marco Angelo EMANUELE, Link Campus University, Italy

**Discussant:** Piotr KOSICKI, University of Maryland, USA

5.45 p.m.

Paco Martino RUZZANTE, University of Cambridge, UK

*Transnational Influence on the Welfare Systems of Italy and Spain (1945-1960s)*

6.15 p.m.

Marta BUSANI, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

*Young Christian Workers, World of Work and Democracy. Some Reflections on the Sixties in Italy*

6.45 p.m.

Guido PANVINI, Sciences Po, France

*The 'Young Christian Workers' Movement' and the Radicalization of Social Conflict in Mediterranean Europe (1962-1968)*

7.15 p.m. Discussion

8.00 p.m. Dinner

#### Friday, 27th October, 2017, room NI.110

9.00 a.m.

##### Session 3: Christian Workers and Trade Unions

**Chair:** Renato MORO, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

**Discussant:** Paolo ACANFORA, Istituto Luigi Sturzo, Italy

9.15 a.m.

James THWAITES, Université Laval, Canada

*Christian Clergy and the Labour Movement: some International Cases*

9.45 a.m.

Pierre TILLY, KU Leuven, Belgium

*The Concept of Workers' Control and Self-Management in Belgian Worker Movement during the Seventies and the Public Figure of André Oleffe*

10.15 a.m.

Paolo TEDESCHI, University of Milan Bicocca, Italy

*Searching Better Work Conditions and a new Workers' Role in the Italian Industry: the FIM during the Fifties and Sixties in the Eastern Lombardy*

10.45 p.m.

Gianpiero FUMI, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

*Social Catholicism and Economic Development. The Quest of Occupational Education Policies and on-the-job Training during the Italian 'Economic Miracle'*

11.15 a.m. Discussion

12.00 a.m. Lunch

1.15 p.m.

##### Session 4: Enterprises and Human Resources

**Chair:** Sebastiano NEROZZI, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

**Discussant:** Jan DE MAEYER, Kadooc-Ku Leuven, Belgium

1.30 p.m.

Peter HEYRMAN, Kadooc-Ku Leuven, Belgium

*Christian-Democrats and the 'Independent Workers' in Belgium. Securing a Place for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in the Postwar Welfare State, 1945-1970*

2.00 p.m.

Anna Pina PALADINI, Università del Salento, Italy

*The CD Party and the Policies for Craftsmen in Italy during the Fifties of XX Century*

2.30 p.m. Discussion and conclusion

Together with Civitas annual workshop, a doctoral seminar is scheduled in the morning of 26th October 2017, room NI.110, 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.