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### PROGRAMME

#### 28 MAY

**10:00-11:00**

**Inauguration - Sala de Graus**

Francisco Morente (UAB Vice-rector), Constantin Iordachi (ComFas), Javier Rodrigo (GRECS-UAB)

**11:00-13:00**

**Keynote lecture and discussion - Sala de Graus**

*Collective Violence, War and Genocide under Fascist Regimes: Some Thoughts*

*Alex J. Kay*

**13:00-15:00 - Break**

**15:00-16:30**

**Parallel panels**

**Intellectuals and agents of violence - Sala Tarotdequintze / Chair: Giorgia Priorelli**

- *A fascist broker in a war-torn Europe. Pilar Primo de Rivera, from the Spanish Civil to the Second World War*, Toni Morant
- *Military occupation and International Law: the greek intellectual milieus, during the Axis Occupation*, Fotis Koutsopoulos
- *Adolf Hitler and the Case of the Death of SA Man Georg Hirschmann*, Jesús Casquete

**Gender studies - Sala de Junes / Chair: Javier Rodrigo**

- *The War Without Women: Hitler's Circumscription of the Roles of Women in Wartime Society*, Jenna Byers
- *Magnus Hirschfeld and a brief history of the Institut für Sexualwissenschaft. The fascist struggle against sexology and sexual freedom*, Marek Jedliński
- *The staging of fascist masculinity. A photo album of the Condor Legion*, Stephan Horn
- *Pink Triangles Memories - Nazi policy towards homosexuals*, Krzysztof Witczak

**16:30-18:00**

**Keynote lecture and discussion - Sala de Graus**

*Antecedents of fascist violence: contexts, transfers, and lesson learning in colonial and intra-European warfare*

*Michelle Gordon*

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## 29 MAY

**09:30-11:00**

**Keynote lecture and discussion - Sala de graus**

*Fascism and civil war*

Miguel Alonso (UNED)

**11:00-11:30 - Coffe break**

**11:30-13:00**

**Parallel Panels**

**War, fascism and dictatorship - Sala Tarotdequintze / Chair: Constantin Iordachi**

- *The Fascist Brand: Exporting and Importing Fascism in Interwar Europe*, Aristotle Kallis and Giulia Albanese
- *Building Dictatorships under Axis Rule. Comparing European and Asia Experiences*, Antonio Costa Pinto
- *Antonescu's Romania under Axis Rule*, Constantin Iordachi
- *Collaboration in Wartime Albania: Revisiting the Fascist Occupation, 1939–1943*, Enriketa Pandelejmoni
- *Dictatorships under Axis Rule: Political, Social, and Institutional Dynamics in Occupied Europe*, Gofreddo Adinolfi

**Paramilitarism, war, radicalisation I - Sala de Juntes / Chair: Joan Pubill**

- *“Not warrior-like, but still fierce”. Somatén and its allegedly fascist nature: A century-old debate*, Carles Garcia i Flores
- *The First Spanish Civil War of the 20th Century? The Catalan Social Struggle and the Birth of Spanish Fascism*, Joan Pubill
- *Agents of Fascist Radicalisation? War Veterans and Paramilitarism in the Sardinian, Flemish and Breton Movements, 1914–1939*, Manuel Castela Ouzande
- *Transnational Social Militarism: An international humus for the rise of fascism in the 1920s?*, Julià Gómez
- *The Arditi – The New Men of Italy*, Thomas Delaney
- *D'Annunzio at Fiume: radicalization and militarization of Italian politics and its contribution to Fascism*, Mario Sznajder

**13:00-15:00 - Break**

**15:00-16:30**

**Parallel panels**

**International fascism - Sala Tarotdequintze / Chair: Miguel Alonso**

- *Fascism and Anti-Pan-Americanism*, Alvaro Bianchi
- *Early Postwar British Fascism's Radicalising Emotional Regime Opposing Decolonisation*, Paul Jackson
- *International Law in extremis. Nazi legal thought and the colonial imaginary*, Nour Benghellab-Outtas
- *Fascism in Scotland during the 1920s and 1930s: A Comparison with the United Kingdom and Europe*, Maria Nuria Artes Cornellas
- *“A Clash between Good and Evil”: Transnational Fascist Solidarity during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)*, Martin Kristoffer Hamre

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### **Paramilitarism, war, radicalisation II - Sala de Juntes / Chair: Aristotle Kallis**

- *Balbo, Longo, Carpi, 1934: squadre d'azione spagnole*, Íñigo Marqués Serrano
- *Fighting external and internal enemies: Paramilitarism, anti-Communism and anti-Parliamentarianism in the political career and thought of Georgios Kondylis*, George Souvlis & Nikos Vafeas
- *Temporalities of Revolt: Youth Radicalisation and Fascism in Interwar Romania*, Raul Cârstocea
- *Fascism, antisemitism and anticommunism in interwar Thessaloniki: The organization National Union of Greece against the labour - communist movement*, Kostas Tziaras
- *Radicalising the new generations? The role of emotions in childhood during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)*, Francisco Jiménez Aguilar
- *Coloniality, Counterinsurgency, and Civil War: The Radicalization of Fascist Italy's War Violence in Greece, 1911-1947*, Lidia Santarelli

**16:30-18:00**

### **Round Table (ComFas Plenary) - Sala d'Actes / Chair: Giorgia Priorelli**

Miguel Alonso, Alex J. Kay, Constantin Iordachi, Christian Gerlach, Michelle Gordon, Aristotle Kallis

Includes Journal presentation: *Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies*, Paul Jackson

## 30 MAY

**09:30-11:00**

### **Parallel panels**

#### **Fascist ideologies, violent practices - Sala de Juntes / Chair: Maximiliano Fuentes**

- *War and Fascism: A Palingenetic Vision of Creation Through Destruction*: Carlos Martins
- *The Nation, Born Again: Between Christian Democracy and Fascism*, Tomas Poletti Lundström
- *"A Critical Reading of Fascist Discourse: The Myth of British Fascism as an 'Anti-Capitalist' Ideology"*, Daniel Ritschel
- *Blood and Soil at War: Nazi Ecology, Militarization, and the Politics of Nature*, Hikmet Kuran

#### **From fascism to cold war democracy: transformations of right-wing violence in transwar Japan - Sala Tarotdequintze / Chair: Ferran de Vargas**

- *War Abroad, Fascism Within: Ishiwara Kanji and the Politics of Conspiracy for a New Order in Asia*: Ferran de Vargas
- *Tosaka Jun: Life and Death of a Marxist Critic of Fascism*: Anna-Viktoria Vittinghoff
- *Transwar Fascist Trajectories: The Case of Abe Genki*: Christopher Perkins

**11.00-11.30 - Coffee Break**

**11.30-13:00**

### **Keynote lecture and discussion - Sala de Graus**

*How 'fascist' was fascist anti-guerrilla warfare? A global perspective*

Christian Gerlach

**13:00 - Farewell**