

*Science Against Racism in the 20th Century:
Contexts, Debates, Engagements*

University of Genoa
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Via Balbi 2

26-27 October 2023

26 October 2023

9,45 – 10,30

Luc Berlivet, Fabrice Cahen, Francesco Cassata, Claude-Olivier Doron

Welcome Address and Introduction

Chair: Fabrice Cahen (INED, Paris)

10,30 – 11

Benoît de L'Estoile (Centre Maurice Halbwachs, CNRS, Paris)

Race, Mind and Culture as Objects of Knowledge and Policy in British Africa (1920-1940)

11,10 – 11,40

Sebastián Gil-Riaño (University of Pennsylvania)

The Vanishing Antiracist Child: Cold War Violence and Bio-Anthropological Studies of Aché Children in Paraguay, 1930-1971

11,50 – 12,20

Andrea Avalli (IISS «Ferraris Pancaldo», Savona and Scuola Superiore di Studi Storici, San Marino)

Uneasy beginnings. Social psychology, cultural anthropology, and UNESCO's antiracism in 1960s Italy

Discussant: Claude-Olivier Doron (Université Paris Cité)

13 – 14,30

Lunch buffet

Chair: Luc Berlivet (CNRS, Paris)

14,30 – 15

Claude-Olivier Doron (Université Paris Cité)
Science, Media and the «Problème des Races» in France (1946-1980)

15,10 – 15,40

Fabrice Cahen (INED, Paris)
Dealing with Race after WWII at INED and the Musée de l'Homme (1945-1980)

Discussant: Francesco Cassata (University of Genoa/CENTRA and Centro Linceo “B. Segre”)

Coffee break

16 – 16,30

Questions & Answers

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Chair: Claude-Olivier Doron (Université Paris Cité)

9 – 9,30

Veronika Lipphardt (Freiburg University)
Anti-racist Motivations and Conceptual Continuities: Isolated Populations in the Focus of Engaged Anti-racist Geneticists after 1945

9,40 – 10,10

Lisa Gannett (Saint Mary's University, Halifax)
Dobzhansky and Lewontin as Public Intellectuals: Race, Racism, and Politics

Discussant: Luc Berlivet (CNRS, Paris)

Coffee-break

Chair: Francesco Cassata (University of Genoa/CENTRA and Centro Linceo “B. Segre”)

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Nayanika Ghosh (Harvard University, Cambridge)
Sociobiology, Racism, and Anticommunism: Science for the People versus the Committee Against Racism in Postwar US



11,30 – 12

Grazia De Michele (University of Genoa-CENTRA and SICSA-Jerusalem)
Against the “Jewish Gene”. Breast Cancer Activists and the Risk of Genetic Discrimination in the late-Twentieth Century United States

Discussant: Fabrice Cahen (INED, Paris)

12,30 – 13,30

Round Table / Final Remarks

To attend the workshop on Microsoft Teams, please write an e-mail to centrastudies@gmail.com by October 23 for registration.

Scientific organization: Luc Berlivet, Fabrice Cahen, Francesco Cassata, Claude-Olivier Doron

The workshop is organized as a cooperation between the Centre for the History of Racism and Anti-Racism in Modern Italy at the University of Genoa (CENTRA, www.centrastudies.org) and the Transnational Transdisciplinary Network on Society and Genetics at CNRS (IRN-TranSocGen, <https://transsocgen.hypotheses.org/>).