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International Historical Conference

Europe at a crossroads

The 1922 Genoa International Conference

From April 10th to May 19th, 1922, Genoa was the scene of an important, albeit little known, International economic and financial Conference, joined by 34 European countries, in order to make "a joint effort (...) to remedy the paralysis of European system". On the centenary of that event, the Ligurian Institute for the Resistance and the Contemporary Age (ILSREC), in collaboration with the Department of Political Sciences (DISPO) and the School of Social Sciences of the University of Genoa, organizes an international historical conference in Palazzo San Giorgio, where the Conference held the most important sessions and where, in memory of the event, a plaque was placed and restored in 1972 after its destruction during the war. The aim is not meant to be just celebratory.

The Genoa Conference, *mutatis mutandis*, in fact presents highly relevant aspects. For a Europe that after the First World War had lost the hegemonic role which it had exercised in the world until that moment, the early 1920s represented a period of transition, of change, of the search for new paths, but at the same time also a period of radicalization of divisions: a moment of choices that is very close to what we are experiencing now. On the one hand, fears and claims, that pushed towards national closures: Fran-



ce's fear of a new German aggression, and its punitive rigor; Germany's fear of political marginalization and economic stagnation, and its rebellion against exclusive guilt; Russia's fear of economic isolation; the claims by every nation for massive reparations for the damage suffered during the disastrous recent conflict. On the other hand, the pacifist wave and the hope to build a new model of coexistence, based on the concerted settlement of any disputes; the success of a



*Alcune immagini d'epoca
della Conferenza di Genova del 1922*



new international law, based on arbitration and collective security, symbolically represented by the birth of the League of Nations; the expectation of a pacification that would also pass through economic disarmament and the big business economic policy; the birth of several pacifist movements and the call for dialogue between nations and peoples.

The Genoa Conference stands in the middle of the ford between a system of equilibrium still guaranteed by bilateral and multilateral relations, of which the Rapallo Treaty signed between Germany and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic on April 16th will be a significant result, and a new and daring system of an intergovernmental nature capable of putting an end to the hegemonic attempts of the modern age. It is a symbol of a period in which the first

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Fotografia del 1947 (Archivio Storico)



Il presidente Fatica viene in occasione dell'inaugurazione della conferenza di Genova nel 1947 (Archivio Storico)

steps for a new international diplomacy are taking place, but its first failures are also being experienced; the need for a supernational body is affirmed, but at the same time the national principle is seen as the exclusive principle of legitimation of the State; There is a call to unite, but the borders between the nations are multiplying; commercial exchanges are emphasized as a means of normalizing political relations, but the demand for payment of war damages and repayment of loans remains firm. The Conference here proposed aims to deepen that climate in which important decisions for the Old Continent matured, reconstructing the European and International framework within which the Conference was located, the influence of the gover-

ment and the Italian delegation, the weight of the economic environments and industrialists, the history of Genoa in the post-war period and the role that Genoa and its political, economic and cultural elites played in the Conference.



1. Europe in the post WWI

09.00 Institutional Openings
Marco Bucci, Major of Genoa
Giovanni Toti, President of Regione Liguria
Paolo Emilio Signorini, President of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority/Ports of Genoa
Federico Delfino, Dean of the University of Genoa

09.30 Introduces and chairs **Giacomo Ronzitti**, ILSREC President

Projection of a short video with pictures and tapes of the Genoa Conference by Guido Levi, Anna Lombardi and Alessio Parisi

Daniela Preda, University of Genoa
Europe at a crossroads: the Genoa Conference between echoes of peace and the birth of totalitarianisms

Stefano Stefanini, Ambassador
From Genoa 1922 to Genoa 2022: 100 years that change diplomacy

11.00 Chairs **Luca Beltrametti**, Department Head of the Social Science School

Realino Marra, University of Genoa
A Carthaginian peace.
John Maynard Keynes on the Versailles results

Iliaria Queirolo, University of Genoa
The League of Nations and the International Law

Giovanni Battista Pittaluga, University of Genoa
*The return to the fixed exchange rates system:
Gold Exchange Standard and central banks*

2. The International dimension of the Conference

15.00 Chairs **Maria Elisabetta Tonizzi**, ILSREC Vice-president

Giorgio Petracchi, University of Udine

The meaningless attempt of diplomacy in a fragmentated world

Lucio Valent, University of Milan

“Welsh Wizard's Last Trick?” David Lloyd George, the Genoa Conference and the British Foreign Policy in the early 1920s

Maria Eleonora Guasconi, University of Genoa

The United States and the 1922 Genoa Conference

Evgeny Yurevich Sergeev, Russian Science Academy

The Bolshevik Russia and Cicerin's diplomacy

17.00 Chairs **Maria Eleonora Guasconi**, Social Science School Vice-president

Lara Piccardo, University of Genoa

The Russian-German Treaty of Rapallo

Andreas Wilkens, University of Lorraine (Metz)

From Rapallo to Locarno. Germany looking for its role in Europe

Valerij Ljubin, INION-RAN (Scientific information of social sciences Institute of the Russian Science Academy)

The Komintern and the Genoa Conference

3. Italy at the Genoa Conference

09.00 Chairs **Enrico Di Bella**, DISPI vice director

Agostino Giovagnoli, Università Cattolica of Milan
Italy from the war to fascism

Adriano Rocucci, University Roma Tre
*Peace echoes:
the talks between Sturzo and Cicerin / The agreements between the
USSR and the Vatican*

Guido Levi, University of Genoa
The Genoa Conference in the Italian political debate

Roberto Sinigaglia, University of Genoa
The Genoa Conference in the communist newspaper "L'Ordine Nuovo"

11.00 Chairs **Guido Levi**, Co-director of the magazine "Storia e Memoria"

Maria Teresa Giusti, University of Chieti-Pescara "G. D'Annunzio"
*The recovery of the Italian-Russian trade relationship, from the birth
of C.I.C.E. to the Genoa Conference*

Fernando Salsano, University of Rome Tor Vergata
The Italian industrialists and the Genoa Conference

Irene Guerrini - Marco Pluviano, ILSREC
The scenarios of the baltic-Polish area: a look from Italy

4. The places of the Genoa Conference

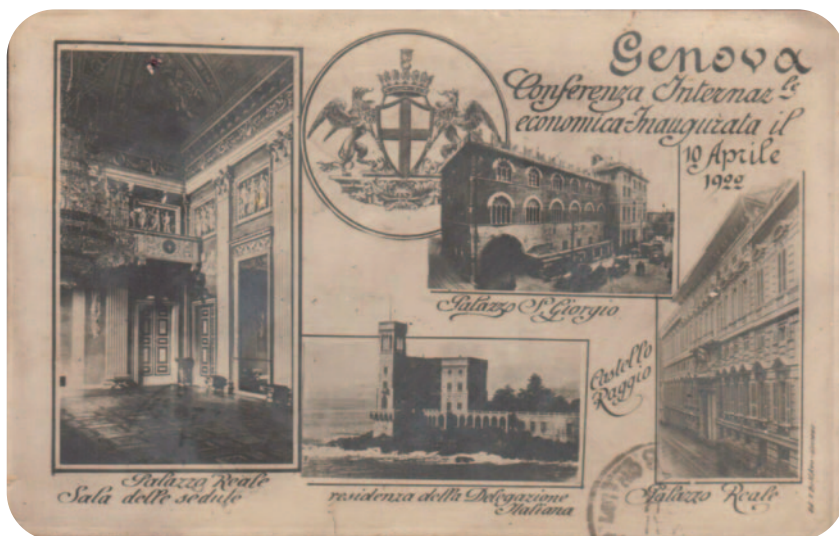
15.00 **Beppe Manzitti**, Scientific readings and conversations Society
Ernest Hemingway journalist, his letters as special correspondent of North American newspapers at the 1922

Massimo Bacigalupo, Accademia Ligure di Scienze e Lettere
Hemingway in Rapallo

Andrea Spiriti, University of Insubria
Palazzo San Giorgio and the other palaces of the Conference

Andrea Zanini, University of Genoa
Diplomacy and big hotels in the Genoa Conference context

17.00 Touristic tour in Genoa



Aula Magna dell'Albergo dei Poveri

Genoa in the International scenario

09.30 Chairs and introduces **Daniela Preda**,
DISPI Director e ILSREC Scientific Director

Paolo Battifora, ILSREC
Genoa after WWI

Gianluca Cerruti, University of Genoa
The Conference socioeconomic context: Italy and Genoa

Luigi Oddo, University of Genoa
The race to Russia: an Italian perspective

11.00 Chairs **Guido Levi**, University of Genoa

Giorgio Grimaldi, University Link Campus
The Genoa Conference in the local political debate

Antonio Iodice, University of Genoa
The Genoa Conference in the Italian press: themes, expectations and impact

Anna Lombardi, ILSREC
The Genoa Conference through the Corriere Mercantile pages

Aula Mazzini, via Balbi 5, terzo piano

15.00 Simulation of the 2022 Genoa Conference
for the Political and International Science students
and for the High School students



Ritratti dei delegati disegnati dal vero da Musacchio

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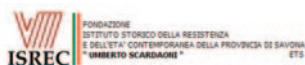
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