



The Department of French & Italian presents:

AN INNOVATIVE INTERNATIONAL RULING CLASS **Industrial and Technical Elites in Milan** **Between Liberalism and Fascism**

a lecture by

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4PM

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This lecture presents a view of modern Italian history that is not well-known abroad. The focus will be on the central role of industrial and technical élites of Milan in the Italian industrialization occurring between the end of the 19th century and the rise to power of fascism, including the environments and the institutions in which those élites operated.

Aware of economic developments abroad and of relations between Italy and the most advanced entrepreneurial and technical environments on both sides of the Atlantic, these elites were consciously engaged in a project of building a “new Italy” for the new century.

Small reception to follow. This event is free and open to everyone.

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