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The rise of the fascist regime a century later. In memory of Giovanni Sabbatucci (1944-2024)

2025 marks the centenary of what is conventionally recognized as the advent of the fascist regime. In the years following the affirmation of fascism as a political movement, culminating in the March on Rome, and especially from the 1930s onwards, the fascist phenomenon became the subject of various interpretations. These interpretations persisted even after the official end of the regime grafted onto the Kingdom of Italy in 1943, and after the defeat of the Fascist Republic in 1945. Beginning with the question of what fascism *really* was. Indeed, there is no political phenomenon of the contemporary age that has been interpreted in contrasting ways more than others, coming from the most diverse disciplines: not only history, but also science and political theory, philosophy and social psychology, political anthropology, sociology of political phenomena.

The aim of this call, which takes its cue from the due tribute to be paid to one of the most respected Italian historians of fascism, Giovanni Sabbatucci, is to update the panorama of interpretations on the one hand and, on the other, to retrace some of the past, to verify if they have exhausted their hermeneutic program, that is, if they are still able to offer new readings of the fascist *phenomenon*. The focus is on the years that shaped the political-institutional crystallization of fascism into a *regime*, inextricably linked to Benito Mussolini, but perhaps not entirely identifiable with him.

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