 «Archives during riots and wars». 
From the Napoleonic era to the cyber war.
Milan State Archives

International conference
November 3-6, 2021
3rd November conference program

11:00-11:30: Opening session and institutional greetings

Session 1 - Archives, wars and diplomacy. Carmela Santoro Chair

11:30-12:00 Carmela Santoro, Giovanni Vittani, “Milan archives during wars and riots”.

12:00-12:00 Edouard Vasseur, Archives during the French-Prussian War and the Paris Commune: «L'Année terrible» (“the terrible year”) and its aftermaths.

12:30-13:00 Tommaso Maria Rossi, The Catholic Church and the war heritage: Church archives in the XX century.

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-17:15 - Archives, wars and diplomacy. Luciana Duranti Chair

14:30-15:00 Anne Leblay-Kinoshita, Yann Potin, The French Center of Contemporary History: Archives and Books out of Ambitions and “Descheat” in times of War (1940-1946).

15:00-15:30 Silvia Trani, Italy and the issue of reclaiming archives after the first world war.
Power of the archives or power on the archives?

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-16:15 Dimitri Brunetti, Appraisal in municipal archives during the war.

16:15-16:45 Bruce Montgomery, Iraq archives.

16:45-17:15 Questions and Answers

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Session 2 - Military archives between war and peace. Filippo Cappellano Chair

9:00-9:30 Eric Ketelaar, A social history of military archiving: the case of the Netherlands 1815-1940.

9:30-10:00 Nicola Labanca, The archives of the armed forces between war and peace. Observations on the Italian situation during the XX century and beyond.

10:00-10:30 Filippo Vignato, Acquisition and selection of the military records of the second world war by the Historic Office of the General Staff of the Army: an archives of war.

10:30-11:00 Andrea Crescenzi, The interrogation records of the Italian officers who were prisoners during the second world war: the use of their statements for rebuilding military operations.

11:00-11:15 Questions and Answers

Session 3 - Archives as instruments of power, control and protection of right. Stefano Vitali Chair

11:30-12:00 Marianna Volpin, The reconstruction of the Napoleonic civil status registers during the Austrian period.

12:00-12:30 Maik Schmerbauch, The archives of the Catholic Church in Germany during the Nazi era (1933-1945).

12:30-13:00 Verne Harris, Spectres of Gramsci: schema for a justice praxis in archives.

13:00-13:15 Questions and Answers

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Session 4 - Archives between “empire”, “state,” and “decolonization.”
Andrea Giorgi Chair

14:30-15:00 Rossella Ioppi, “Archives are sown fields”. The development and role of the Geheimes Hausarchiv in Wien in the political and cultural context of the first decade of the 19th century.

15:00-15:30 Antonio Salvatore Romano, The political use of Italian archives in the post-unitary conflict between State and Church.

15:30-16:00 Shadrack Katuu, Archivists in tough times.

16:00-16:15 Questions and Answers

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Session 5 - The creation of new archives. Leonardo Mineo Chair

9:00-9:30 Fabio Caffarena, Memory as a weapon. The “pseudo” first world war archives.

9:30-10:00 Carlo Stiaccini, The visible war and the hidden papers. The case of the archives of the Italian war museum.

10:00-10:30 Elena Gonnelli, Annantonia Martorano, The ANPI archives. The importance of identifications as traces.

10:30-11:00 Hariz Halilovich, Collecting the shards of memory and identity in the aftermath of war: the role of records and archives in memorializing the Srebrenica genocide.

11:00-11:15 Questions and Answers

Session 6 - War, archives and historical storytelling. Maria Pia Donato Chair

11:30-12:00 Gloria Camesasca, “Papers were found that were said to be of great importance”. The archives of Valtellina and Valchiavenna after the Napoleonic period.

12:00-12:30 Eric C. Stoykovich, ‘Making War’ on Family Archives during the American Civil War, 1855-1875.

12:30-13:00 Philipp Mueller, "The whole man": Doing military history and the need for historical documents in the 19th century.

13:00-13:15 Questions and Answers

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Session 7 - Lost and dismembered archives. Raffaele Pittella Chair

14:30-15:00 Stefano Gardini, The memory of trauma. Changes and persistence in the perception of the loss of records for war causes. The case of Genoa.


15:30-16:00 Greg Bak, Colonialism of open access.

16:00-16:15 Break

16:15-16:45 Weimei Pan, "Neglected or looted": The case of the 8,000 burlap bags of Qing Grand Secretariat archives after the fall of the Qing dynasty.

16:45-17:15 James Lowry, Documents Against Documents: The Archival Bond after Displacement.

17:15-17:45 Concetta Damiani, Pierluigi Feliciati, The disrupted Farnese. What do the vicissitudes of their archives tell us about an Italian family in Parma and Naples and under the Second World war bombs?

17:45-18:00 Questions and Answers

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Session 8 – Archives and technologies

Pierluigi Feliciati Chair

9:00-9:30 Luciana Duranti, Trust in Digital Records: Is cybersecurity the new authenticity?

9:30-10:00 Leopoldo Nuti, A global archives for the Cold war studies? The collection of digital online sources by the National Security Archives and the Cold war International History project.

10:00-10:30 Giovanni Paoloni, The long history of nuclear energy in Italy: What can archives and journals still tell us?

10:30-11:00 Hrvoje Stancic, The role of blockchain in support of digital preservation processes.

11:00-11:15 Questions and Answers

11:30-12:30: Roundtable, Benedetto Luigi Compagnoni Chair