

# RETHINKING LIBERAL EUROPE

Ideas of Europe and Notions  
of Freedom  
between 1848 and 1945  
XIII Annual Conference  
of the Research Network  
on the History of the Idea  
of Europe

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Conference venue  
Collegio Carlo Alberto (Aula Magna)  
Piazza Arbarello 8 Torino

## Organizers

Fondazione Luigi Einaudi onlus Turin;  
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# WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE

The conference  
can be followed online  
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13:30 | 14:00  
Registration and Coffee (Foyer)

14:00 | 14:30  
Opening Message  
Roberto Marchionatti (Turin)  
Federico Trocini (Turin)  
Matthew D'Auria (Norwich)

Introduction  
Florian Greiner (Heidelberg)  
Ideas of Europe and Liberalism, 1848-  
2022: Past and Present of a Firm and  
Fragile Relationship

14:45 | 16:00  
PANEL 1: 1848 | EUROPEAN IDEAS  
IN A LIBERAL REVOLUTION

Fernanda Gallo (Cambridge)  
Free Italy in a Free Europe: Ideas of  
Europe in Italian 1848 Revolutions

Carine Renoux (Paris)  
Francisque Bouvet: Republican and  
Promoter of Europe, 1848-1849

Bernd Braun (Heidelberg)  
Ernst Elsenhans (1815 – 1849): Lost  
Ideas about Social-Liberal State  
Building and an International State  
System in the Revolution of 1848/49

Chair: Matthew D'Auria (Norwich)

16:30 | 18:30  
PANEL 2: FREEDOM, EUROPE, AND  
LIBERALISM IN NINETEENTH CENTURY  
PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE, AND POLITICS

Anna di Bello (Naples)  
Between Literature and Politics: Victor  
Hugo's Ideas of Freedom and Europe

Arthur Ghins (Yale)  
How Liberalism Became European:  
The French Case

Alexander Zevin (New York)  
Inventing Liberal Socialism: John Stuart  
Mill's "European Ideas" after 1848

Oded Steinberg (Jerusalem)  
'Racial Time': Liberalism, Race and  
Historical Time in the Late Victorian Era

Giuseppe Grieco (Turin)  
Visions of Europe and the Principle of  
Nationality: Recasting International Order  
after 1848

Chair: Federico Trocini (Turin)

18:30 Coffee break (Foyer)

18:45 | 19:45  
Keynote  
Helena Rosenblatt (New York)  
Reflections on the Notion of Liberty, 1848-1945

20:30 Social Dinner  
(Panperfoccia - Via Conte Verde 7/A)

## Scientific & Organizing Committee

Matthew D'Auria (University of East Anglia); Fernanda Gallo  
(University of Cambridge); Florian Greiner (Stiftung  
Reichspräsident-Friedrich-Ebert-Gedenkstätte Heidelberg);  
Christiane Liermann (Villa Vigoni); Federico Trocini (Fondazione  
Luigi Einaudi); Jan Vermeiren (University of East Anglia)

# THURSDAY, 30 JUNE

9:15 | 11:00

**PANEL 3: THE QUEST FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM – IDEAS OF A LIBERAL EUROPE FROM THE FIN DE SIÈCLE TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH**

Alessandro Dividus (Pisa)  
L. T. Hobhouse's Idea of a European Federation

Ulrich Tiedau (London)  
The First Congress for European Federation, Rome 1909

Spartaco Pupo (Cosenza)  
Free Government, Free Trade, and Europe: The Scottish Enlightenment Heritage in the European Liberalism of the Early Twentieth Century

Georgios Giannakopoulos (Athens / London)  
Fighting for Freedom against German Militarism: Greece, Southeastern Europe and the Emergence of a "New Europe" during WWI

**Chair:** Fernanda Gallo (Cambridge)

11:00 **Coffee break (Foyer)**

11:30 | 13:15

**PANEL 4: EUROPE FROM THE MARGINS? THINKING LIBERAL EUROPE IN THE PERIPHERY**

Erkjad Kajo (Pavia / Athens)  
Notions of Europe and Freedom in the Albanian National Movements Discourse (1878–1914)

Domagoj Tomas (Osijek)  
Geopolitical visions of Central Europe in the Views of Croatian intellectuals in the First Half of the 20th Century

Zinovia Lialiouti (Athens) / Iason Zarikos (Athens)  
Images of Germany and Neglected Visions of Europe in First World War Greece

Carl Antonius Lemke Duque (Pamplona)  
Europe as the Teleology of Law Cultures: Ortega, Hegel and the Resurrection of the West

**Chair:** Cathie Carmichael (Norwich)

13:30 **Social lunch**  
(Panperfoccaccia - Via Conte Verde 7/A)

14:45 | 16:30

**PANEL 5: THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTILIBERALISM I: CONCEPTUALIZING LIBERAL EUROPE IN THE INTERBELLUM**

Margarete Tiessen (Chemnitz)  
No Freedom Without Unity: Germany's Inter-War Liberal Left and the Vision of a Grand European Synthesis

Federico Trocini (Turin)  
Walther Rathenau between Capitalism, Socialist Planning, Popular Democracy and Europeanism

Patricia Chiantera-Stutte (Bari)  
Imperialism and Liberty: the British Liberal Internationalism and the Geopolitical Projects for the Consolidation of a World Order during the two World Wars

Vesa Vares (Turku)  
Finland, Czechoslovakia, and the New European Order after the First World War: A Comparison of Presidents K.J. Ståhlberg and Tomáš Masaryk

**Chair:** Florian Greiner (Heidelberg)

16:30 **Coffee break (Foyer)**

17:00 | 18:00

**Keynote**

Glenda Sluga (Sydney / Florence)  
Rethinking Liberal Europe? What shall we do with the Women?

# FRIDAY, 1 JULY

9:00 | 10:45

## PANEL 6: THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTILIBERALISM II: INTERPRETING LIBERAL EUROPE IN THE INTERBELLUM

Paola Cattani (Rome)

T. Mann, P. Valéry, J. Ortega y Gasset and Democratic Liberalism: from Criticism to Defence

Cristina Blanco Sío-Lopez (Venice)

Salvador de Madariaga and the 'Solidarity of Being': Echoes of an Imagined 'Free Movement of Persons' from Interwar Europe

Aleksandra Tobiasz (Florence) Europe between Asian Past and Latin American Future? Retrospective and Utopian Ideas of Europe in Writings of Sándor Márai and Stefan Zweig

Matthew D'Auria (Norwich)

European History and the Unfolding of Freedom? Some Thoughts on Benedetto Croce and Federico Chabod's Ideas of Europe

**Chair:** Christiane Liermann (Villa Vigoni)

11:00 | 11:50

## PANEL 7: BUILDING A NEW EUROPE – THE DIFFICULT REBIRTH OF LIBERAL EUROPEANISM IN AND AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Marcello Gisondi (Lugano)

The Common Man's Front: a Liberal-Populist Vision of the United States of Europe (1943–1948)

Andrea Pinazzi (Rome)

Luigi Einaudi and European Unity: between Federalism and Functionalism

**Chair:** Georgios Giannakopoulos (Athens / London)

12:00 | 13:00

## Final Round Table and Concluding Remarks

Christiane Liermann (Villa Vigoni)

Stefano Montaldo (Turin)

Giuseppe Sciara (Bologna)

Edoardo Tortarolo (Turin)

Alessandra Venturini (Turin)

**Chair:** Cathie Carmichael (Norwich)

13:30 **Aperitif (Foyer)**



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