

# UCML Executive Committee

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Via MS Teams



## Item 10f: Italian Studies Report

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This report is based on ongoing discussion in the discipline (mailing lists, annual meetings, seminars and conferences) and on updates from representatives of the two main professional associations: Society for Italian Studies in the UK and Ireland (SIS) and Association for the Study of Modern Italy (ASMI).

The key themes discussed in Italian Studies remain the same as in previous reports (2020-21): recruitment; Early Career Academics; Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity; Year Abroad (Covid-19, Brexit); the digital context; reaching out: closer collaboration with Italian Studies associations beyond the UK and interdisciplinarity within and beyond the Modern Languages.

### Italian Studies Survey

The survey, based on the model of Portuguese Study Survey carried out by Hillary Owen, is being defined and it will be launched at the SIS AGM in early January 2022.

The main activities carried out by the sector associations can be summarised as follows.

#### *Association for the Study of Modern Italy*

- ASMI / Italian Cultural Institute London: *100 years of Italian Fascism series* (online) – spring 2021 (some of the recordings are available here: <http://www.asmi.org.uk/news/100-years-italian-fascism/>)
- ASMI Postgraduate Conference (online) 23 – 24 September 2021
- ASMI Annual Conference 2021, *Labour and the Making of Italy from Cavour to Covid*, Italian Cultural Institute London (online) 3-4 December 2021. <http://asmi.cambridge.org/index.php?CID=299>

#### *Society for Italian Studies in the UK and Ireland*

- SIS Postgraduate Colloquium, University of Warwick (online), 3 December 2021
- SIS Biennial Conference is being organised at the University of Warwick (hybrid in person/online, spring 2022)
- SIS UG and PG prizes, in collaboration with the British Italian Society (BIS) will be announced at the SIS Annual General Meeting (online, 8 January 2022)