Literature: Patrizia Guarnieri: “Italian psychology and Jewish emigration under the fascist regime”

(June 22, 2016) Literature, psychology, research and history. “Italian psychology and Jewish emigration under the fascist regime. From Florence to Jerusalem and New York” by Patrizia Guattieri will be presented on Wednesday June 29 at 18:00 at the Italian Cultural Institute in New York. The event promoted by the ICI New York will be attended by the author, Guido Calabresi and Mary Gibson. Fascism and the 1938 racial laws have radically changed scientific research and the academic community in Italy. Guarnieri focuses on psychology, from its promising origins until the end of World War II. Psychology was marginalised in Italy due to the neoidealistic reaction against science and due to fascism (on the contrary to Nazism), with longstanding consequences. University professors and students were persecuted for being antifascist or Jewish. The history of Italian students forced to leave the country is still embarrassing today. The book follows the story of those students who emigrated to the United States such as the psychologist Renata Calabresi and to Palestine such as Enzo Bonaventura. Guarnieri traces their journey and the help they received from antifascist and Zionist cells and from international organisations. Some Jews were successful while others were not, however only a few turned back. (PO/red)

THE DEBATE

Patrizia Guarnieri is full professor of Cultural and Social History at the SAGAS Department of the University of Florence (Department of History, Archaeology, Geography, Arts and Performance). Among her other publications: “Different individualities: anthropological psychiatry of Enrico Morselli (1986); “Child killer: law and science in a 19th century Tuscan trial” (1990) translated into English in 1992 and 2006; “History of psychiatry: a century of studies in Italy” (1990): “A history of anti-institutional psychiatry. The history of psychiatric renewal in Umbria 1965-1995” (2000); “Mothers that kill: law, psychology and mentality of infanticide from 1810 to date” (2005); “Science and conscience: maternity, births and abortions between experiences and bioethics (edited, 2009). Guido Calabresi is an academic and Appeals Court Judge and was Dean of Yale Law School. Mary Gibson is a history professor at John Jay College and CUNY Graduate Centre.
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