Celebrating the Centenary of Latvia and
the 15th anniversary of Latvia's membership in the European Union and NATO
within the framework of Latvia's days in Italy

The University of Milan and the Embassy of Latvia in Italy
are pleased to invite you to the seminar on:

## "The interwar period in Europe.
## Latvia and Italy: similarities, differences, relations"

**Wednesday 8 May 2019 from 10.00 to 13.00**

**Palazzo Greppi, Sala Napoleonica**
**Via S. Antonio 12, Milano**

**Welcome:**   **Prof. Antonella Baldi**
Deputy Rector for Internationalization, University of Milan

**H.E. Solvita Āboltiņa**
Ambassador of Latvia to Italy

**Speakers:**   **Prof. Giulia Lami,** University of Milan

**Prof. Ēriks Jēkabsons,** University of Latvia

**Prof. Alessandro Vitale**, University of Milan

**Dr. Rosario Napolitano**, University of Latvia

**PhD student Aiga Bērziņa,** National Archives of Latvia

**Working language:** English

During the seminar presentation of the exhibitions
"Latvia and Italy: 100 years of friendship" and
"The role of Italy in the recognition of Latvia and the bilateral relations between
Latvia and Italy during the interwar period"

# Programme

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| **10.00 - 10.10** | **Prof. Antonella Baldi**<br>Deputy Rector for Internationalization, University of Milan |
| **10.10-10.15** | **H.E. Solvita Āboltiņa**<br>Ambassador of Latvia to Italy |
| **10:15-10:35** | **Prof. Giulia Lami,** University of Milan<br>Introduction |
| **10:35-11:15** | **Prof. Ēriks Jēkabsons,** University of Latvia<br>Latvia 1918-1940: The War of Independence and the main Tendencies in Interior and Foreign Policy |

**Coffee break and presentation of the exhibitions**

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| **11:40-12:00** | **Prof. Alessandro Vitale**, University of Milan<br>Reflections on the Baltic Republics' Independence and the Fragility of the International Order in the Interwar Period (1919-1939) |
| **12:00-12:30** | **Dr. Rosario Napolitano**, University of Latvia<br>Mussolini's Foreign Policy During the Ventennio. A look at Latvia. |
| **12:30-13:00** | **PhD student Aiga Bērziņa,** National Archives of Latvia<br>Cultural relations through language and education: Marta Rasupe and Clara Coïsson-Gersoni |