

## IDEAS AND PROJECTS OF A UNITED EUROPE IN THE ITALIAN RESISTANCE



The project has the aim to deepen those aspects of the Italian Resistance which favored the establishment of supranational ideals and which had an influence on the start of the process of European integration. E. Tonizzi and D. Preda will focus on European largely unknown constitutional projects that arose during the Resistance and in exile, in order to deepen the knowledge of the debate existing in the Resistance milieu about the continent's institutional future. In particular, the Unit will focus on the following projects: Streit (1939); Jennings (1940); Lord Davies (1940); MacKay (1941); Koch Weser (Forties); Weinfeld (1942); Brecht (1942); Bitsanis (1942); Galimberti (1942-1943); Europa Union Schweitz (1943); Rollier (1944); van Vassenhove (1943); Salinger (1944); Birdsall (1944); Pan-European Conference(1944). For each project, an in-depth analysis of the environment in which it was developed, the drafters, the project itself and its outcomes and effects during the war and after the war will be carried out. A comparative view of the European constitutional schemes drawn up in Italy and their outcomes in the Resistance (Barcelonette, etc.) will also be proposed. The research intends also to take into consideration the relationship between the European Resistance, the Federalist Movement and the Ecumenical Movement, in particular the involvement of the World Council of Churches of Geneva (CEC) and the close network of contacts that its first secretary, W.A. Visser't Hooft, established with many exponents of the Resistance in France, Italy, Netherlands and Germany (such as GFNiemöller, JF Dulles, A. Philip, D. Bonhoeffer, H. von Moltke A. von Trott, G. Bell). G.B. Varnier, G. Levi and M. Gambilonghi) will study the emergence of proposals for European unity in the programmatic documents of the Italian parties, even at the local level, such as Program of Milan, Ideas on Christian Democracy (Genoa, 1944), documents of Sabadin and Rumor (1944), Gonella (1943), Gui (1944), the first manifesto of Liberal Socialism (1940), Action Party's Seven Points (1942), Political Declaration of PSIUP (1943), Action Party Appeals to the Italians (1944), Working Plan of the Action Party" (1944).

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