

THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IN THE 1970s

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Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Proposals must be sent via e-mail to Paola Malattia (paola.malattia@unibo.it, e-mail subject: »1970s Conference«). Proposals must include a title, a one-page outline and a two-page CV. Proposals and papers can be in Italian and in English. Following the acceptance of the proposals (end of October), participants will receive editorial guidelines. Draft papers will have to be submitted at least one month before the date of the conference.

The languages of the conference will be Italian and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

The conveners will cover travel expenses and accommodation in Bologna for two nights.

The peer-review Italian journal of contemporary history *Ricerche di Storia Politica* (<http://www.arsp.it>) will consider the possibility to publish a selection of the papers presented at the conference. The organizers intend to successively publish a collection of the papers as an edited volume, in Italian and in English.

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The 1970s are widely recognized by historians as a crucial period of change and transformation. Several processes interacted to produce radical changes impervious to modern recipes and categories: the crisis of territoriality; the rejection of Keynesian fiscal policies and economic models; the gradual transition to a post-industrial age; the contestation, and delegitimization, of traditional sources of power and authority; the crisis of the bipolar international structure and its growing inability to contain and discipline a complex and pluralistic world.

The papers will cover the theme of the impact that these transformations had and still have on the international system, from either structural or agency standpoints. The conference will deal with the impact of such transformations on the international system, on its structure as well as on the relations among its members. The conference will consist of three panels (with 3/4 presentations each) and a final roundtable. The sessions will deal with the following general issues:

- the impact of the transformation of the international system on Europe and on the relationship within the two blocs;
- the new role of the global South, in light of the last wave of decolonization and the emergence of new Cold War battlegrounds;
- the theoretical reflection on the nature of the international system and its main changes.

The participation to the panels is limited to junior scholars working on new and original researches (i.e., participants must be 40 years and younger or have received their doctoral degree within the past seven years). Each paper will be commented by a senior scholar.