



## *Political Religions and Totalitarianism: New Approaches and Perspectives*

*International Conference at the University of Bern*

*Bern, 13 - 14 December 2013*

*The conference celebrates the 10th anniversary of the awarding of the Sigrist Prize of the Hans-Sigrist-Foundation to Emilio Gentile. Gentile was honoured for his contribution to the field "political religions as a characteristic of the 20th century".*

### *Location:*

Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, Room F007

### *Directions:*

From Bern Central Station use the exit "Länggasse". The university "Unitobler" is a 10 minute walk away. If you want to go by bus, use line number 12 with direction "Länggasse" and exit at "Mittelstrasse".

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Friday, December 13, 2013

10:15

Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, Room F021

## Lectio Magistralis

Prof. Dr. Emilio Gentile  
(Università La Sapienza, Rome)

# Apocalyptical Modernity on the Eve of the First World War

12:00

Apéro

(Foyer, Lerchenweg 36)

Please register until December 6 under the  
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Friday, December 13, 2013

- 15:00** **Welcome Address**  
Prof. Dr. Marina Cattaruzza (University of Bern)  
Prof. Dr. Emilio Gentile (Università La Sapienza, Rome, Sigrist Prize 2003)
- 15:30** **The Political Catechisms of the French Revolution: 1788-1799**  
Dr. Marco Marin (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris)
- 16:00** Discussion
- 16:20** **Anthropology and the Religion of Fascism: George L. Mosse and the Re-making of Cultural History**  
Dr. Karel Plessini (Associazione Culturale èStoria, Gorizia)
- 16:50** Discussion
- 17:10** Coffee Break
- 17:30** **The Totalitarian State and the Control of Territory. A Comparative Perspective**  
Prof. Dr. Didier Musiedlak (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense)
- 18:00** Discussion
- 19:00** Dinner at Casa d'Italia

Saturday, December 14, 2013

- 09:30** **Elements of Political Religion in the Russian Revolutionary Movement (1869-1884)**  
Dr. Stephan Rindlisbacher (University of Bern)
- 10:00** Discussion
- 10:20** **Nationalistic Aesthetics and Authoritarian Governance. Visual Culture in Interwar Poland**  
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schmid (University of St. Gallen)
- 10:50** Discussion
- 11:10** Coffee Break
- 11:30** **Red Star of Revelation. Cosmic Transcendence in the Early Soviet Union**  
PD Dr. Julia Richers (University of Bern)
- 12:00** Discussion
- 12:20** **The Discourse of the Sacred and National Defiance in Slovakia and Subcarpathia at the Beginning of the 20th Century**  
Dr. Sabine Witt (Zürich)
- 12:50** Discussion
- 13:10** **Concluding Discussion**
- 13:30** Apéro