



CULTURES OF FASCISM

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Languages 211

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The use of the word "fascism" is on the rise, but what is meant by the term? The Fasci of Revolutionary Action were formed in January 1915, when Benito Mussolini declared that it was necessary for Italy to secure its national borders and engage in an aggressive foreign policy aimed at protecting national interests. By June 1940, when Marshal Philippe Pétain signed France's surrender to Nazi Germany, all continental Europe except the Soviet Union was under some fascist regime. This course will focus on the cultural reasons that determined the global spread of fascism and explore literary, theoretical, and historical representations of fascism, from Italian to American ones.