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Lecturer – Stuart Harvey
Mussolini and Rome – “il Ventennio Fascista”

In Italy the two decades that Benito Mussolini was in power are referred to as “il Ventennio Fascista”. In this lecture we will examine the origins of fascism and how Mussolini was able to take such total control of the Italian state, focusing particularly on his use of propaganda and symbolism from Ancient Rome. Then we will examine the physical changes his regime brought to the city, examining the monumental building projects that came to define the “fascist style”, many of which are still prominent parts of the urban landscape of Rome today. Finally we will track the fall of Mussolini and some of the horrors of the Nazi occupation of Rome prior to the liberation of the city by Allied Forces in June 1944.



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