In recent years, the Mediterranean had a comeback in historiography and other related disciplines. Many of the recent studies however distance from Braudel’s concept of mediterranée. They prefer promoting histories in the Mediterranean instead of histories of the Mediterranean. Is the unity of the Mediterranean of a merely fictitious character or can it still serve, at least in its less pretentious adjective form, as a useful category of historical analysis? Did the circulation of political ideas, in particular liberal ideas, which national diaspora disseminated over the long nineteenth century, substantiate a Mediterranean political unity? Are the Mediterranean islands an example for separated pluralities, or not rather for a multi-layered connectivity? Has the Mediterranean become a ‘sea of risks’? How do migrants who cross the Mediterranean, and those who depart from its rims to Northern Europe, experience and represent the maritime space? What remains of the claims for Mediterranean unity when it comes to the EU migration politics? The participants of the workshop will address these and other related questions.

Speakers:
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Matteo LEGRENZI (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Deborah PACI (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Rolf PETRI (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Vasilis PETROGIANNIS (Södertörn University Stockholm)
Gabriele PROGLIO (Tunis El Manar University and European University Institute)
Konstantina ZANOU (IEA Paris and Columbia University)
10 am–1 pm
**Mediterranean Diasporas: One Sea, One Ideal?**

10:00 am
Welcome address

10:20 am
Maurizio Isabella (London) / Konstantina Zanou (Paris)
*People and their ideas in the Mediterranean during the long 19th Century. Main theses and findings of “Mediterranean Diasporas” (2015)*

10:45 am
Jussi Kurunmäki (Stockholm)
*Early Liberalism: Comments from a Political Science and Conceptual History point of view*

11:05 am
Rolf Petri (Venice)
*The Mediterranean: A category of historical analysis?*

11:25 am
Coffee break

11:40 am
Maurizio Isabella (London) / Konstantina Zanou (Paris)
*Response to the comments*

12:00
General discussion

1:00 pm
Lunch break

3–4 pm
**Mediterranean: Connectivity and Risks**

3:00 pm
Deborah Paci (Venice)
*Connectivity and the concept of Mediterranean unity*

3:20 pm
Discussion

3:30 pm
Matteo Legrenzi (Venice)
*Mediterranean: A specific dimension of geopolitics?*

3:50 pm
Discussion

4:30–5:30 pm
**Mediterranean and Europe: Migrants and Migration Policies**

4:30 pm
Vasilis Petrogiannis (Stockholm)
*Migrants from European Mediterranean countries to Northern Europe*

4:50 pm
Gabriele Proglio (Tunis)
*European migration policies in the Mediterranean in a cultural perspective*

5:10 pm
Discussion