

DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC STUDIES AUSTRIA WEEKEND 2017

„Grüß Gott, Buona Sera“ South Tyrol as a Region of Italy



Roberta Pergher is an assistant professor at Indiana University. After earning her Ph.D. in History from the University of Michigan in 2007, she was a fellow at the European University Institute in Florence and the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. She has published widely on Italian fascism, colonialism, and population settlement. Her book *Mussolini's Nation-Empire: Sovereignty and Settlement in Italy's Borderlands, 1922-1943* will appear with Cambridge University Press in November 2017.



Sunday, October 1, 3 pm
Indiana University Bloomington
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Room 1118
355 N. Jordan Avenue

How did “South Tyrol” emerge as a distinct region under Austrian rule in the late 1800s to its current autonomous status within the Italian Republic? Roberta Pergher will discuss the region’s annexation to Italy in the aftermath of the First World War, the Italianization campaign under Fascism, and the 1939 Option agreement between Mussolini and Hitler which sought to resettle South Tyroleans inside the Third Reich. The postwar years were marked by violent protests for “self-determination,” continuing political negotiations, and the implementation of a regional autonomy. The talk will end with a reflection on current relations between German- and Italian-speakers and more recent arrivals in the region.”