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.”