Economic Decline, the Euro and Euroscepticism in Italy

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Course Structure: Economic Decline, Italian Politics, and Euroscepticism

Three interconnected themes:

- 1. Italian economic decline
- 2. Domestic political dynamics
- 3. Evolution of Euroscepticism/anti-Europeanism

Key periods of analysis:

- Post-war to 1980s: Economic growth and pro-European consensus
- 1990s: Economic slowdown, political crisis, and EU integration
- 2000s: Euro introduction and increasing economic challenges
- 2008 onwards: Financial crisis, austerity, and rise of Euroscepticism

Focus on:

- How economic issues influenced political discourse
- The emergence and evolution of Eurosceptic parties
- Changes in public perception of the EU over time



List of Lectures

Lecture 1: Introduction to the concept of economic decline Lecture 2: The roots of Italian economic decline (I) Lecture 3: The early steps of Italy's European integration Lecture 4: Italy and European integration: the 1990s Lecture 5: The introduction of the euro and its consequences Lecture 6: The Eurozone crisis and the acceleration of decline (I) Lecture 7: The Eurozone crisis and the acceleration of decline (II) Lecture 8: Euroscepticism as a response to decline

Lecture 9: Recent developments

Lecture 10: Conclusions and future prospects