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A Europe APART. History and Politics of European Monetary Integration, Firenze, European Press Academic Publishing, 2020

(with Elena Baracani eds.) ALTERNATIVES TO DEMOCRACY. Non-Democratic Regimes and the Limits to Democracy Diffusion in Eurasia, Florence, European Press Academic Publishing, 2013.

ITALY, EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN PRESIDENCY OF 2003, Etudes et recherches, Paris, Notre Europe 2003, preface by Jacques Delors (translated and published also in French and Italian).



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