

CIVITAS-Academy

Interdisciplinary perspectives
on the history of Christian-Democracy and its sources

CALL FOR PAPERS 2025

The impact and legacy of Christian-Democracy runs throughout a variety of themes in contemporary history – ranging from European integration over the Cold War to the development of the welfare state. Its relevance surpasses national and European borders, through a variety of transnational connections linking political parties, countries and continents. Moreover, histories of Christian-Democracy have also become of interest to diverse disciplines within the humanities – ranging from political sciences to sociology and economics. Yet, many studies of Christian-Democracy have so far remained rather insular, while many researchers are confronted with a lot of methodological and conceptual hurdles when accessing sources and archives.



CIVITAS | Forum of Archives
and Research on Christian Democracy

To stimulate fresh interdisciplinary approaches and themes and to connect the history of Christian-Democracy to wider and comparative fields of research, CIVITAS-FARCD started up a CIVITAS-Academy.

The 2025 CIVITAS Academy will take place **from 25 to 28 November at Istituto Luigi Sturzo in Rome.**

The CIVITAS-Academy welcomes young and early career researchers (max. 10 years of PhD) from different disciplines within the humanities. Interdisciplinary approaches are very welcome.

Proposals may deal with a variety of topics on Christian-Democracy after 1945. Applications relating to the period before 1945 will only be accepted if they have a very clear connection to the development of the Christian Democratic movement after the end of the war.

The CIVITAS-Academy consists of a combination of paper presentations and lectures by keynote speakers, as well as hands-on archival and methodological sessions, in which participants are given access to relevant sources and archival material either on-site in Rome or they will receive references from member organizations to their own holdings. Either way, they will be given the opportunity to discuss their work with senior researchers as well as archivists.

The selected participants will be given a fellowship covering accommodation for five days as well as travel costs.

The number of participants is limited to five.

CIVITAS - Forum of Archives and Research on Christian-Democracy is an international network interlinking heritage and research institutions as well as individual researchers from across the globe. It has been established by Istituto Luigi Sturzo (Rome), KADOC-KU Leuven (Leuven), and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Berlin).

Istituto Luigi Sturzo, founded in 1951, is a cultural foundation committed to the preservation and valorisation of Christian Democratic cultural heritage. It has a rich documentary heritage collection related to political Catholicism, among which personal and party funds, including those of e.g. Luigi Sturzo, Giulio Andreotti,

Giovanni Gronchi, Piero Malvestiti, and Emilio Colombo and a rich library. It develops an intense program of cultural, training and research activities in collaboration with public and private institutions at national and international level.

PLEASE SEND A PROPOSAL of max. 500 words presenting your research as well as a CV (1 page) with institutional affiliation, past publications, etc. to Dr. Loredana Teodorescu, Head of EU and International Affairs at Istituto Luigi Sturzo (l.teodorescu@sturzo.it), **before 1 September 2025.**

Notification of acceptance will follow by 25 September 2025.

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