

## Acknowledgements

It comes as no surprise that a historical institute of the calibre of the Istituto nazionale Ferruccio Parri, which manages a network of 66 local institutes, publishes its own journal. What is less predictable is the fact that, over the years, this journal — ‘Italia contemporanea’ — has managed to become a point of reference within the scholarly debate in Italy, and now hopefully also abroad as we are about to launch this English-language ‘Yearbook’.

As the President of the Istituto nazionale Ferruccio Parri, I am extremely proud of these gratifying results and I wish to thank all those who contributed to their accomplishment, especially the editorial director, Prof Nicola Labanca, and all members of the editorial board.

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It is with great pleasure that I greet the publication of the very first issue of the English-language ‘Yearbook’ of ‘Italia contemporanea’. I am confident that it will act as a valuable means of promoting the most original and innovative outputs of Italian historiography — many of which have appeared in the journal of the Istituto nazionale Ferruccio Parri — among the international academic community.

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