

LECTURE/WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Italy, Slovenia, Croatia - Trieste 2023

Speaker :

Mass deportations from the “Adriatic Littoral” to the concentration camps (1943-1945). Jewish and non-Jewish Italians, Slovenians and Croats. A mosaic of victims.

During the Nazi occupation, the Adriatic Littoral was subject to a very harsh repression which involved round-ups and mass arrests of thousands of civilians, Jews, and non-Jews, who were deported to concentration and extermination camps. The Holocaust and the political deportation (a definition that will be questioned) resulted from different criminal policies, as the death toll of both groups shows, and will be illustrated in the specific context of a border area from which departed more than the half of the 123 deportation trains that left the Peninsula. Among the Italian deportees to Auschwitz, there were over a thousand young non-Jewish women, mostly of Slovenian and Croatian origin, whose stories have long been forgotten. The lecture will highlight the distinctive elements of the two deportation phenomena, but will also focus on the similarities experienced by those who were interned in the camps, with a special emphasis on women and using different sources.

