

# Seminari di Economia

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## *Historical anti-fascism and right-wing voting in Italy*

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**Abstract.** We study how anti-fascism during Mussolini's dictatorship affects support for right-wing parties in Italy in 1948-2022. Using newly-digitized historical data, we construct a measure of anti-fascism from the universe of recorded regime opponents, and an IV (to resolve simultaneity between supply of opposition and demand for repression) that leverages the random assignment of the regime's Special tribunal judges. We find that stronger opposition weakens the support for the post-fascist party and for conservative right-wing parties not directly tied to the *Partito Nazionale Fascista* by 0.15-1.14 p.p. No effects are detected for the right-wing party that embraces a populist platform.