

FEDERICA SAINI FASANOTTI BIOGRAPHY

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Saini Fasanotti's research focuses on counterinsurgency. She is a military historian expert in African colonies. She graduated in Contemporary History *summa cum laude* and then gained a PhD degree at the University of Milan, with a study on controversial relationship between Fascism and the Italian Red Cross, then she moved to Rome, where she is working actively with the Central Historical Office of the Italian Army and the Historical Office of the Italian Defense. She has participated as a lecturer in many conferences and congresses of military history. She has delivered guest lectures in the Italian military Academies. She has published many essays and articles on historical and geopolitical magazines. She developed for Rai Trade the series "La storia del Fascismo - The History of Fascism" (2006) and "La Seconda Guerra Mondiale - The Second World War" (2009), distributed by "Il Corriere della Sera", the most important Italian newspaper.

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