

The origins of the conference can be traced back to the recent findings in the Civic Archives of Milan Municipality of previously unpublished documentation (currently subject to an inventory and digitalization project) linked to the Arctic expedition of Umberto Nobile (1928) and the expedition to the Karakorum of Aimone di Savoia-Aosta, Duke of Spoleto (1928-29). The talks proposed will examine in depth the era of Italian explorations and compare them internationally in the light of recent investigations, cutting across various disciplines, including anthropology, geography, history, history of science and environmental studies. At the end of the conference a documentary and photography exhibition will be inaugurated in the foyer opposite the Aula Magna, which will present and contextualize, using 20 panels, documents and photographs in the "Expedition to Caracorum" folder.

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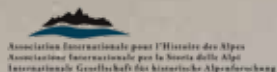


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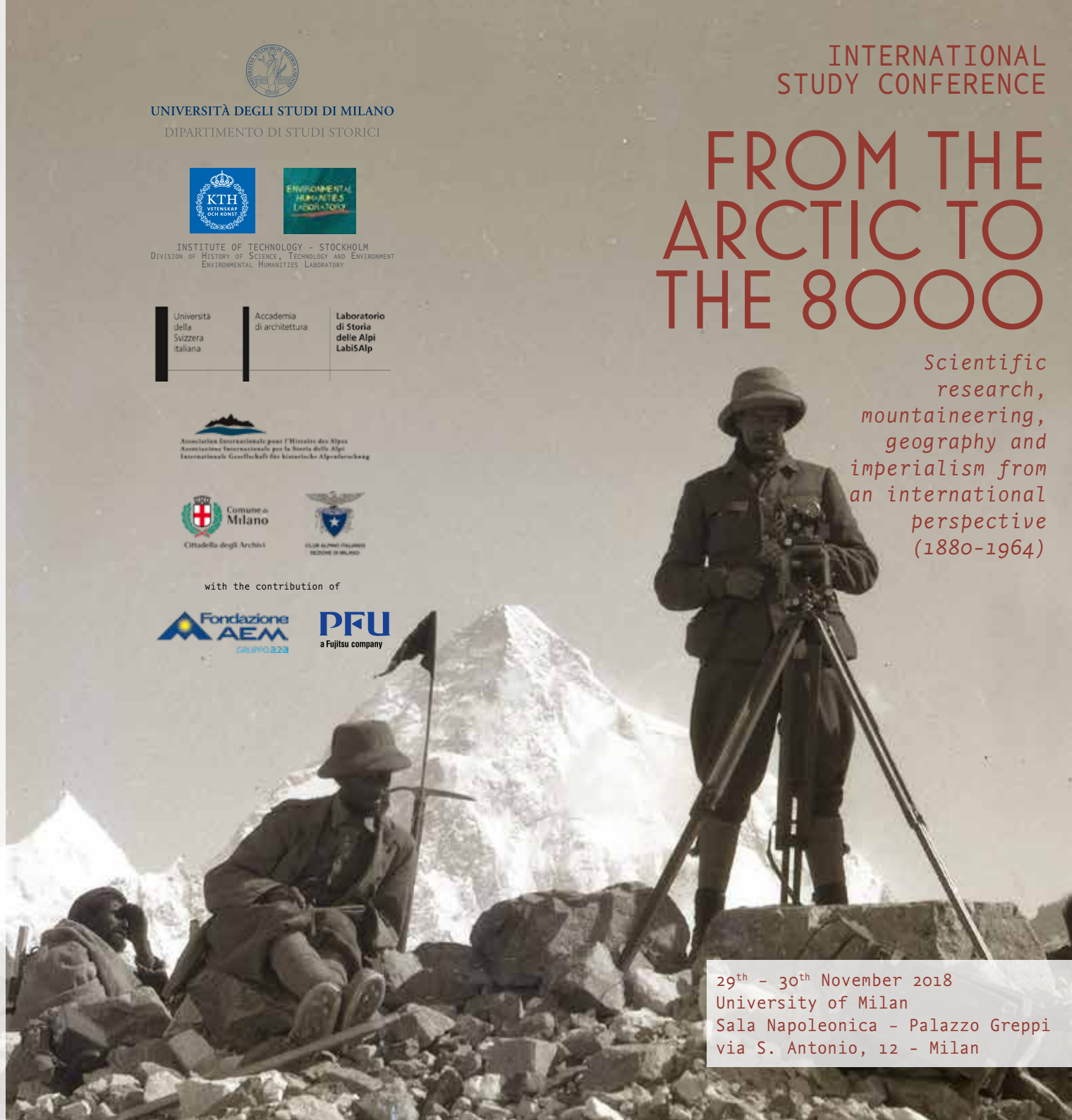
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# FROM THE ARCTIC TO THE 8000

*Scientific  
research,  
mountaineering,  
geography and  
imperialism from  
an international  
perspective  
(1880-1964)*



29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
University of Milan  
Sala Napoleonica - Palazzo Greppi  
via S. Antonio, 12 - Milan

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### 14.00–14.30 WELCOME SPEECHES & OPENING OF CONFERENCE

**Elio Franzini**

Rector of University of Milan

**Roberta Cocco**

Council member for Digital Transformation and Civic Service of Milan Municipality

**Antonino De Francesco**

Director of the Department of Historical Studies - University of Milan

**Marco Armiero**

Director of the Environmental Humanities Laboratory - Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (Stockholm)

**Luigi Lorenzetti**

Director of the Laboratory of History of Alps - University of Italian Switzerland and Secretary of the International Association for Alpine History

**Francesco Martelli**

Manager of the Citadel of Archives of Milan Municipality

### 14.30–16.15 I SESSION

Keynote speaker and chair: **Marco Armiero**  
Director of the Environmental Humanities Laboratory - Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (Stockholm)

**Peter H. Hansen**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester)

*Commercialization and Mt. Everest in the Twentieth Century*

**Jon Mathieu**

Universität Luzern - Internationale Gesellschaft für Historische Alpenforschung

*Globalisation of Alpinism in the 20th Century: Publicity and Organisational Endeavours*

**Maria Luisa Nodari**

Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit - University of Cambridge

*The anthropology of mountaineering expeditions from the Alps to the Himalayas*

### DISCUSSION

### 16.45–18.30 II SESSION

Chair: **Alberto Martinelli**

President of the Fondazione AEM - Gruppo A2A

**Marco Cuzzi**

University of Milan

*Fascism and politics of power: the turning point in 1928*

**Stefano Morosini**

University of Milan

*Italian mountaineers, scientists and geographers in Karakorum (1909, 1913, 1929, 1930, 1954)*

**Ilaria Scaglia**

Aston University (Birmingham)

*Mountaineering for Internationalist Purposes. The case of the Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme - UIAA (1939-1951)*

**Roberta Biasillo**

Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (Stockholm) - Rachel Carson Center (München)

*(Postcolonial) Environmental humanities. Towards a textual geography*

### DISCUSSION

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### 9.00–10.45 III SESSION

Chair: **Alessandro Pastore**

Professor Emeritus of the University of Verona

**Sandro Rinauro**

University of Milan

*Roberto Almagià and Lucio Gambi in the face of Imperialist trends in Italian geography*

**Claudio Cerreti**

Roma Tre University

*The Italian Geographical Society in the Imperialist and Colonial horizon of the Kingdom of Italy*

**Luciano Zani**

La Sapienza University of Rome

*Umberto Nobile between two totalitarianisms*

**Steinar Aas**

Nord Universitet (Bodø)

*Umberto Nobile's Arctic expeditions in the Norwegian public debate (1926-1928)*

### DISCUSSION AND COFFEE BREAK

### 11.15–13.00 IV SESSION

Chair: **Massimo Minotti**

President of the Milan Section of the Italian Alpine Club

**Peder Roberts**

Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (Stockholm)

*Mountaineering and Science in British Arctic Exploration (c. 1920-1960)*

**Vanessa Heggie**

Institute of Applied Health Research (Birmingham)

*Physiology and biomedicine on expeditions to high-altitude (c.1880-1964)*

**Maurizio Barondi & Lorenzo Todeschini**

PFU - (EMEA) Ltd - a Fujitsu company

*PFU and the digitalisation of valuable and ancient documents*

**Stefano Twardzik**

University of Milan

*The two documents on the expedition to the Karakorum (1928-1929) and North Pole (1928) kept in the Civic Archive of Milan Municipality*

### 15:00–15.30 FINAL DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS – LUNCH

**Inauguration of photography and documentary exhibition: Footprints of Italians on the Karakorum. Photos and documents from the expedition of Prince Aimone of Savoy-Aosta, Duke of Spoleto, to the Karakorum (1927-1936).**

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30<sup>th</sup> November - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018