



SIMON LEVIS SULLAM
(University of Venice)

Presents:

**The Italian Executioners:
The Genocide of the Jews of
Italy**

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In conversation with
**Alexander Stille (Columbia) and
Federico Finchelstein (The New
School)**

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In this gripping revisionist history of Italy's role in the Holocaust, Simon Levis Sullam presents an unforgettable account of how ordinary Italians actively participated in the deportation of Italy's Jews between 1943 and 1945, when Mussolini's collaborationist republic was under German occupation. While most historians have long described Italians as relatively protective of Jews during this time, *The Italian Executioners* tells a very different story, recounting the shocking events of a period in which Italians set in motion almost half the arrests that sent their Jewish compatriots to Auschwitz. The result is an essential correction to a widespread misconception of the Holocaust in Italy. In collaboration with the Nazis, and with different degrees and forms of involvement, the Italians were guilty of genocide.

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