

Maria Rosaria Stabili is Full Professor of Latin American History at the University of “Roma TRE” since 1988. After graduating in Philosophy at the University of Lecce in 1972, she worked on the 20th century political and social history of the United States, first as a Research Associate in History at the University of California, Berkeley (1973-1976) and subsequently as a Fulbright Fellow at the American University of Washington D.C. (1977). During this period she focussed on the History of the American Trade Unions and the history of USA Imperialism in Latin American countries.

In October 1981 Maria Rosaria Stabili became a *Ricercatore* in Contemporary History at the University of Lecce and shifted her research interest towards contemporary South-American history: from 1982 to 1986 she was Visiting Professor at the “Instituto de Historia della Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile” in Santiago, where she contributed to the construction of an archive dedicated to the social history of Italian immigration sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the same years she worked on the political and social history of contemporary Chile, focussing her attention on the formative stages of the modern state, the local ruling class and the social movements. Regular visits to Chile have subsequently enabled her to continue work on these topics, which now represent the object of a considerable proportion of her publications.

In 1986 Maria Rosaria Stabili moved to the University of Rome “La Sapienza” and in 1992 she further moved to the University “Roma TRE” as *Ricercatore* in the subject area “American History and Institutions” (SPS/05).

She has taken part in two Research projects led by Prof. M. Carmagnani and financed by the Italian Ministry of Higher Education. The first was developed in 1987-1989 and was dedicated to the *Changing shape of the liberal state in Latin America*, where she dealt specifically with the Chilean case. The second project (1997-1999) dealt with the *Patterns of public administration in Latin America from the 18th to the 20th century*, and in this context she investigated the development of the Chilean judicial system in the 19th and 20th century.

She has further coordinated an International project (1993-2000) and taken part in a parallel International project coordinated by the University of Koeln (Germany, 1996-1999), both dedicated to the study of the Chilean social elites.

The research carried out so far, the close attention paid to the processes of political transition in the area, the development of a literary genre dedicated to the experience of military dictatorship and armed conflict in the second half of the 20th century, and at the same time the urge to widen the field of enquiry and to experiment with a comparative approach: all these elements have contributed in recent years to the development of new areas of investigation. Rosaria Stabili now turns accordingly her attention primarily to the theme of the violation of human rights during the military regimes, that of the social movements which developed in their defence, and the theme of exile and history of gender. These themes in turn recur in the analysis of such topics as i) the process of (re)construction of the legal State after the demise of an authoritarian regime, ii) the relationship between history, memory and the use of oral sources, and iii) “History of the Present”. On these topics Rosaria Stabili has taken part in a number of Seminars and Conferences and has participated in an international research project coordinated by Prof. Anne Perotin (UCL, Institute of American Studies) for the years 2001-2004 on the topic of “Latin America. History of the Present”. She has further received a grant from her home university to spend four months working at the archives of the “Comisiones de la Verdad” (Truth Commissions) as well as in those of various Human Rights Associations. On these topics she has also coordinated a research group under the aegis of AHILA (European Association of the Historians of Latin America) for the years 2003-2006, and participated as scientific supervisor of the “Roma Tre” unit in a PRIN research project coordinated by Prof. M. Flores for the years 2005-2007.

At present Maria Rosaria Stabili is involved in setting up a research team involving colleagues from Spain, France, North and South America, which will focus on the issue of citizenship and regional integration in Latin America.

She is a member of the *Dottorato di ricerca in Studi Americani* at the University “Roma Tre” and, since 2004, of the *Doctorado de Historia de America Latina* at the “Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile” in Santiago. She is a member of *SISSCO* (Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History), *SIS* (Italian Society of Women Historians), *AISO* (Italian Society for the Study of Oral History), *AHILA* (Asociacion de Historiadores Latinoamericanistas Europeos), the *Latin American Studies Association* (USA) and the *International Oral History Association*.

In January 2002 she was awarded by the Chilean government the title of *Comendador a la orden al merito “Gabriela Mistral” por la Educación y la Cultura*.

From October 2004 to December 2008 she has held the post of *Prorettore* at the University “Roma Tre”.