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## Why Fascism Was Not Able to Create an Italian Civil Religion



**Manlio Graziano** teaches Geopolitics of Religions at la Sorbonne, Paris, and Italian history and politics at the University of Tours. *The Failure of Italian Nationhood* explains Italy’s endless political instability and its historical, cultural and economic roots. It also illustrates why, even after the creation of the Italian state, Italy was never really unified. Piero Gobetti described fascism once as the “autobiography” of the Italian nation. This book explains why today it is possible to describe “berlusconism” – a cultural, political and social phenomenon in Italy– as the most recent version of this country’s autobiography.

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