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of the conference can be traced back to the recent findings in the Civic Archives of Milan Municipality of previously unpublished documentation (currently subject to an inventory and digitalization project) linked to the Arctic expedition of Umberto Nobile (1928) and the expedition to the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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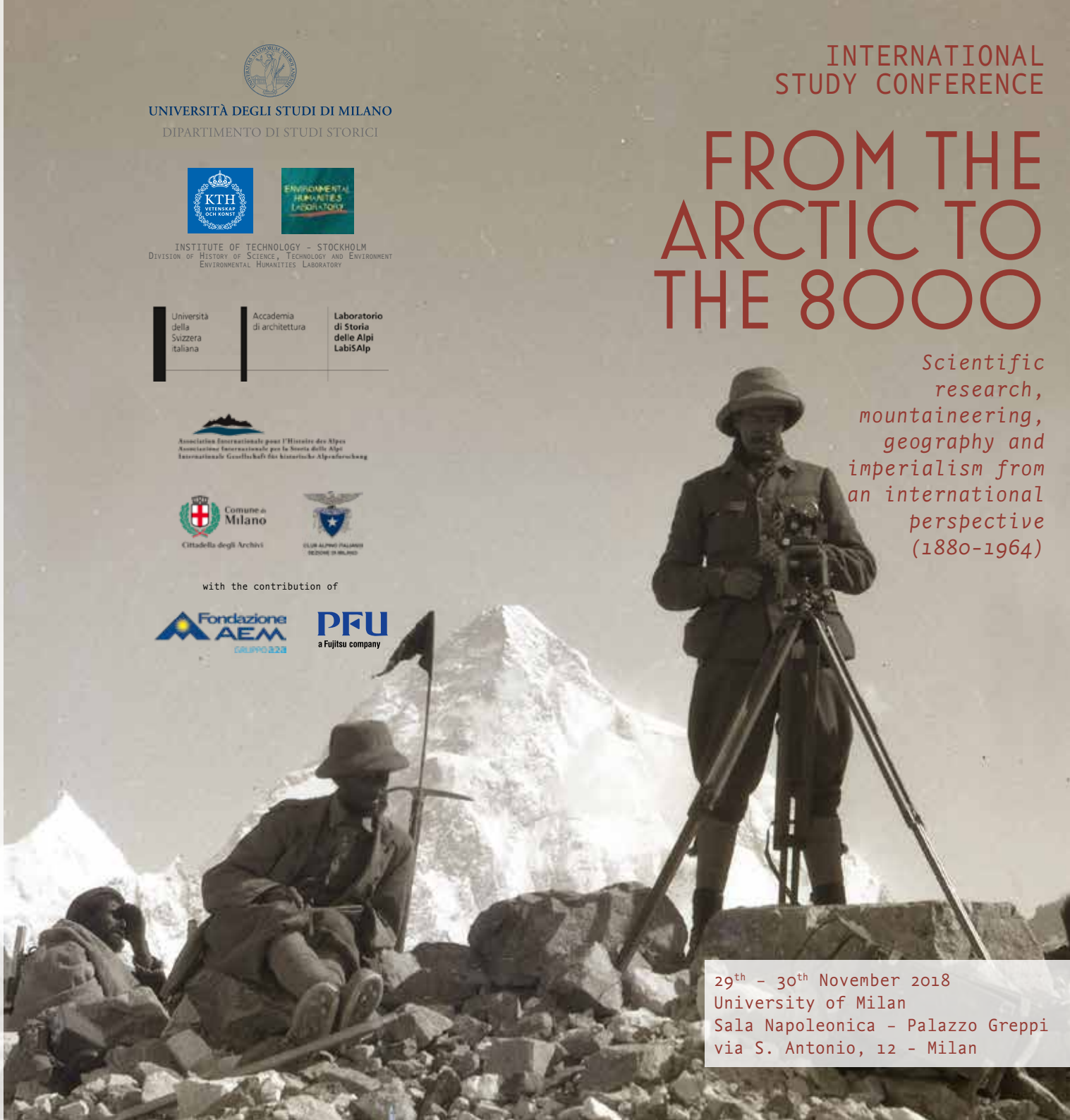
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Thursday 29th November

14.00–14.30 WELCOME SPEECHES & OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Elio Franzini
Rector of University of Milan

Roberta Cocco
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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 30th 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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