48th Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture with guest speaker Prof. Lucia Carminati
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Italians of/in Egypt? Two centuries of arrivals, stays, and "returns"

Modern Egypt has seen the comings and goings of different individuals and groups who--at one point or another--called it home. Taking Italian residents of nineteenth-century Egypt as examples, I will explore the various reasons that motivated people to migrate to this country and the multiple ties they maintained with the peninsula they had left behind, revealing experiences that cannot be reduced to a single narrative.

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