

**Conference** Thursday, March 26, 2026 • 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Italian Academy, Columbia University (1161 Amsterdam Ave, NYC 10027)**

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# Material Histories of Italian Colonialism

Building on the conference at the Bibliotheca Hertziana (Rome) in December 2025, this one-day event gathers scholars from different disciplines and with a variety of interests to explore the material culture of Italian colonialism. We will rethink Italian colonialism by offering a forum for discussing the historical significance and contemporary legacies of colonial objects.



Alberto Saliotti, "On the Desk," 1946, oil on plywood, private collection. Courtesy Il Ponte Casa d'Aste

## Opening Remarks:

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