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The White War

An illustrated talk by Dr Mark Thompson

Editor, journalist, translator and anti-nuclear activist ...

Now a Reader in Modern History at the University of East Anglia, Mark's current research focuses on Italy in the 1940s. He teaches on propaganda, the First World War, and the modern history of Italy and the Balkans.

*"one of the outstanding history books of the year."
Christopher Duggan, Times Literary Supplement*



Monday 24 October 2022

at 7.30pm

The Assembly Room, Council House, North Street, Chichester

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

When Europe erupted into war in August 1914, Italy was allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary. By 1915, allegiances had changed....

In this talk, Mark describes how Italy chose to go to war in 1915. He analyses the political intrigues and campaigns that followed, up to the disastrous battle of Caporetto in October 1917, which almost knocked Italy out of the war.

Fighting conditions were as bad as on the Western front - instead of swamping mud, the Italians faced limestone mountains...

Mark will also consider the impact and legacy of the war with its political, social and cultural ramifications.



The retreat from Caporetto

Bruschette and a glass of wine will be served after the presentations.