

«A unique case in Europe, most of the people of Trieste, of Gorizia, of the Tarvisio area, and of the people from Istria in Italy, do not have their real family name, often, they don't even use their personal name, instead, they use different ones, invented and forced on them by Italian nationalism and fascism.

This is also true for the majority of toponyms in the same territories: they are not the original ones, instead, they were forced by Mussolini's decree.

Because, between 1919 and 1945, in just twenty-six years, in the precious European area where neo Latin, Slavs, and Germanic people meet, it was by that mean that centuries and centuries of plurinational identity that were born from the free and natural relations of different folk were cancelled.

The political operation, with its inner brutality, was so efficient that it cancelled also its own traces in the individual, familiar, and social history of its victims.

After just a few decades, the new generations have no memory of it, and elderly show to have removed it.

In all the many and many pages written about the tragedy of the identity of those people, including writings of distinguished authors, this fundamental trauma is not mentioned, despite representing the key of understanding.

Indeed, only the shearing of individual and social identity, on the primary identificative level on one's own name and of their places, made possible the abnormal success of the graft, on that painful cut, of a nationalistic prosthesis of identity, the unnaturalness and foolishness of manifestation of which is what actually makes it incredibly different from a true Italian national identity.

On the other side, nationalism is always the shearing and removal of culture and of history.»

Paolo (G) Parovel, *L'IDENTITÀ CANCELLATA - L'italianizzazione forzata dei cognomi, nomi e toponimi nella "Venezia Giulia" dal 1919 al 1945, con gli elenchi delle province di Trieste, Gorizia, Istria ed i dati dei primi 5300 decreti*, Trieste 1985, (in ristampa) // *IZBRISANI IDENTITET – Nasilno potalijančivanje prezimena, imena i toponima u "Juljskoj Krajini" od 1919 do 1945, sa spiskovima iz Tršćanske, Goričke i Istarske pokrajine, te prvih 5300 dekreta*, Pazin-Poreč-Pula 1993.

[*THE CANCELLED IDENTITY - The forced Italianization of family names, personal names, and toponyms in "Venezia Giulia" from 1919 to 1945, with lists for the provinces of Trieste, Gorizia, Istria, and date from the earliest 5300 decrees*].