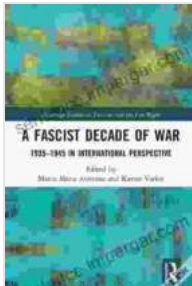


# Fascism and the Far Right: A Global Perspective on the Interwar Years



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The period between 1935 and 1945 witnessed the rise and fall of fascism, a radical political ideology that emerged in Europe in the aftermath of World War I. Fascism found expression in a variety of forms, from the totalitarian regimes of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy to the authoritarian governments of Francisco Franco in Spain and António Salazar in Portugal. The book '1935–1945: In International Perspective' from Routledge Studies in Fascism and the Far Right offers a comprehensive analysis of this tumultuous period, exploring the key themes and events that shaped the rise and fall of fascism.

## The Rise of Fascism

The rise of fascism was a complex phenomenon that can be attributed to a number of factors. The economic and social dislocations caused by World

World War I created fertile ground for the spread of radical ideologies, and the failure of liberal democracy to address the needs of the people led many to seek alternative forms of government. Fascism promised a strong, centralized state that would restore order and prosperity, and its appeal was particularly strong among those who felt threatened by the rise of communism and other leftist movements.

The most prominent fascist regimes were those of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. Nazi Germany, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, was the most extreme and brutal example of fascism. Hitler's regime was responsible for the Holocaust, the systematic extermination of millions of Jews, Roma, and other minority groups. Fascist Italy, under the leadership of Benito Mussolini, was less extreme but equally authoritarian. Mussolini's regime suppressed political opposition, glorified the Italian nation, and sought to expand Italy's empire.

### **The Spread of Fascism**

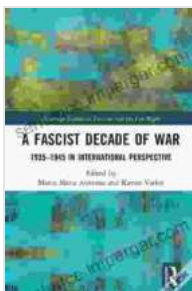
Fascism was not confined to Germany and Italy. Fascist movements emerged in a number of other countries, including Spain, Portugal, Romania, and Hungary. In Spain, the fascist Falange party led by Francisco Franco seized power in 1936 and established a dictatorship that lasted until Franco's death in 1975. In Portugal, António Salazar's Estado Novo regime, which was inspired by fascism, ruled from 1933 to 1974. In Romania, the fascist Iron Guard movement gained significant popular support in the 1930s, but was ultimately defeated by the government. In Hungary, the fascist Arrow Cross party came to power in 1944, but was overthrown by the Soviet Red Army at the end of World War II.

### **The Impact of Fascism**

The impact of fascism was devastating. The fascist regimes were responsible for the deaths of millions of people, the destruction of economies, and the collapse of democracy in many parts of Europe. The Holocaust was the most extreme example of fascist brutality, but the fascist regimes also carried out other atrocities, such as the mass deportations of populations and the use of torture and concentration camps.

The fascist regimes also had a significant impact on the course of World War II. The Axis powers, which included Germany, Italy, and Japan, were defeated by the Allied powers, which included the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union. The war had a profound impact on the world, leading to the downfall of fascism, the division of Europe, and the Cold War.

'1935–1945: In International Perspective' provides a comprehensive overview of the rise and fall of fascism during a tumultuous period in world history. The book explores the key themes and events that shaped this period, and offers insights into the causes and consequences of fascism. This book is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand this dark chapter in human history.



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