

## PANEL 2: AVIATION LANDSCAPES

### Aviation as the intersect between civil & military traffic, technology, infrastructures

Aviation transformed entire metropolitan regions in the first half of the 20th century, but in a completely different way than the introduction of the railways in the 19th century. Nevertheless, this still produced consequences on a massive scale. The era of dictatorships brought the greatest change, especially in the preparations for aerial warfare. The military research of the time modernized aviation, and military requirements brought about a greater organization of space. The aircraft itself became a cult symbol of the power of dictatorial modernization.

A particular example here is the greater Berlin area, which was expanded in the 1930s into what was probably the largest air armament region in Europe. But the capitals of other dictatorial states were also changed by aviation. This includes Rome, the capital of fascist Italy. But what is still commemorated and what isn't? It is clear that the Italian culture of remembrance differs from that in Germany. Regardless, there is no denying that the development of mass air transport has radically changed the urban regions of both Rome and Berlin.



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