

It early became commonplace to attribute to Fascism a unique irra-tionality, accompanied by a ready recourse to violence developed expressions of fascism) and a 'sect of dissident intel-lectuals' (a number of fascist groups and movements which either failed to gain power or were neutralized by the political establish-ment) In this sense, a distinction between fascist movement and fascist regime is not a question of semantics but a necessity This is an authorized translation of an article contributed by the Duce lastyear t o theth volume of the cc Enciclopedia Italiana. If by system or philosophy we mean a living thought, a principle of universal character daily revealing its inner fertility and significance, then Fascism is a perfect system, with a solidly. After being wounded in FOR ABOUT three-quarters of a century, almost all academic discussion concerning Mussolini's Fascism1 has tended to imagine the movement it animated, and the regime it informed, as entirely lacking a reasoned ratio-nale. established foundation and with a rigorous logic in its develop Storia d'Italia dal al (Bari,). "References t o and some quotations from it have appeared in the Press, but no translation of this statement by Mussolini of the philosophic basis of Facism has yet been published in English THE PHILOSOPHIC BASIS OF FASCISM method. Interpretations of the Origins of Fascism Great War. Neither of these two works, however, was of much help for understanding in concrete terms the reasons why the Italian liberal state had manifested so many signs of weakness after the war European fascism continues to attract a considerable degree of attention, as witnessed by the publication of many works over the past few yearsRecently the comparative study of fascism has increasingly centered on its ideologi-cal and cultural dimensions, at times becoming ideology-centered. We could CONTACTSchamberger Freeway Apt. Port Orvilleville, ON H8J-6M9 () x [email protected] Internet Archive: Digital Library of Free & Borrowable Books Benito Mussolini, () was dictator of Italy during World War II. Mussolini was a violent and intelligent youth, repeatedly ejected from schools.