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Glossary

- Allianza Nazionale (AI)** – The National Alliance Party formed after the dissolution of the MSI.
- Calcio** – The Italianized word for ‘Football’.
- Calciopoli** – Match-fixing scandal that emerged in 2006 involving Juventus, AC Milan, Fiorentina, Lazio and Reggina.
- Campanilismo** – Literally, the love of one’s bell tower. Reflects the feelings of attachment and belonging to one’s hometown or city.
- Carabinieri** – Corps of armed police with the standing of armed forces (along with Air Force, Army and Navy).
- Catenaccio** – Literally ‘padlock’; a style of defence popularized by Hellguera in Italy in the 1950s–60s and specialized in preventing the opposition from scoring.
- Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano (CONI)** – The Italian National Olympic Committee. This is the umbrella organization which administers and manages all national sporting federations.
- Covisoc (Commissione di Vigilanza sulle Società Calcistiche)** – Literally, ‘Vigilancy Commission on Football Clubs’. This body operated as the financial regulator for CONI to ensure that football clubs had the financial assets to complete a full season.
- Curva (pl. Curve)** – The ends behind the goals in Italian stadiums, similar to the terrace in Modern British stadiums.
- Daspo (Diffida ad Assistere alle Manifestazioni Sportive)** – Literally ‘Prohibition to attend sport events’. This is the equivalent of a football banning order in Britain. It prevents the holders of this quasi-legal order from attending football matches.
- Democrazia Cristiana (DC)** – The Christian Democratic Party.
- Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (FIGC)** – The Italian Football Federation. Responsible for the administration and management of Italian Football.
- Fideiussione** – Financial guarantees provided by clubs to guarantee the financial eligibility for the season.
- Forza Italia (FI)** – The political party started by Silvio Berlusconi in 1992 after the *tangentopoli* scandal.
- Gattopardismo** – From the novel entitled *Il Gattopardo* by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa. It reflects the continuance of existing practices despite change.
- Lega Calcio (Lega Nazionale Professionisti)** – The Italian Football League; the governing body for the professional leagues in Italy, principally Serie A and Serie B.
- Lega Nord** – The Northern League. A secessionist political movement which originates from the north of Italy. Occasional supporter of Silvio Berlusconi.
- Mani Pulite** – Literally ‘clean hands’. This is the investigation by magistrates.

Movimento 5 Stelle (M5S) – The Five Star Movement, a new social movement created by the comedian Beppe Grillo.

Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI) – The Italian Social Movement (MSI), a neo-fascist, then national conservative right-wing party.

Moviola – The slow motion replay performed on sports broadcasts.

Oriundo (pl. Oriundi) – Foreign-born players of Italian descent.

Osservatorio Nazionale sulle Manifestazioni Sportive (Osservatorio) – Quasi-political body initiated to review safety at football matches.

Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI) – The Italian Communist Party.

Partito Socialista Italiano (PSI) – The Italian Socialist Party.

Plus-valenze – An accounting system that spread the profit made on the sale of players over an accounting term

Il Popolo della Libertà (PdL) – The ‘People of Freedom’ Party formed after the merger of *Forza Italia* and the *Allianza Nazionale*.

Questore – The Chief of State Police.

RAI – The state television and radio station. Originally called *Radio Audizione Italiana* it changed its name in 1954 to *Radio Televisione Italiana* to reflect the new medium of television. The acronym remained unchanged.

Risorgimento – The political and social movement that led to the unification of the Italian peninsula.

Scudetto (pl. Scudetti) – Literally ‘little shield’. The winner of the Serie A championship. Champions are entitled to wear a small shield with the Italian tricolour on their jerseys in the following season. The winner of ten *scudetti* is entitled to place a gold star above their badge. Only three clubs have won this gold star: Juventus (twice), AC Milan and Inter.

Settore Ospiti – The area for away fans. This is an area for parking, congregation and confinement for fans travelling to away games. Occasionally these areas are adjacent to the stadium. Alternatively, they are located at the edge of the city.

Striscione – Banners held up at games that make political, insulting or humorous comments on the players, opposition or politicians. Usually written on white sheets, or rolls of white paper.

Tangentopoli – Political scandal of 1992 which resulted in the *Mani Pulite* investigation and the subsequent demise of the First Republic, the DC, PCI and PSI.

Tessera del tifoso – The identity card imposed by the FIGC on fans to reduce the requirement for identity checks at football matches. It also operates as a loyalty card and MasterCard.

Trasformismo – The practice of Italian politicians to switch political support in return for personal support. Personal patrimony was utilized to ensure that political support endured. This maintained a stable form of government without ideological shifts to the right or left. It dates to the pre-fascist period, after unification.

Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale (TAR) – Regional Administrative Courts which exercise regional judicial autonomy.