

A large auditorium filled with Italian

Socialist Party supporters

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Italian Socialist Party (PSI) was a socialist and later social-democratic political party in Italy founded in Genoa in 1892. From 1963 the Socialists participated in the centre-left governments, in alliance with Christian Democracy (DC), the Italian Democratic Socialist Party (PSDI) and the Italian Republican Party (PRI). These governments acceded to many of the demands of the PSI for social reform, and laid the foundations for Italy’ s modern welfare state. However, the PSI lost much of its influence, despite actively participating in the government, and throughout the 60s and 70s the PCI gradually outnumbered it as the dominant political force in the Italian left. It was disbanded in 1994.

Dimensions

Overall: 21.3 x 30.2 cm (8 3/8 x 11 7/8 in.)