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Risorgimento – 1864: Garibaldi in London

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One hundred and fifty years ago, in the spring of 1864, Giuseppe Garibaldi left his island home of Caprera and came to Britain. Although ostensibly a private visit, Garibaldi's arrival on these shores gave rise to an extraordinary outburst of popular feeling. Hundreds of thousands of Londoners came out to greet him and the visit provoked huge press interest and a fashion for red shirts, as well as Garibaldi songs and Garibaldi pubs. How can British enthusiasm for this Italian hero be explained? To what extent did it reflect broader cultural and political links between Britain and Italy? And what traces of this relationship remain today? The lecture will seek to answer these questions.

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