

A portrait of Giorgia Meloni, the 13th Prime Minister of Italy, smiling. She has blonde hair and is wearing a light blue blazer over a matching top. The background is a blue wall with several Italian flags (green, white, and red vertical stripes) visible.

Today in History

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▲ **Giorgia Meloni won Italy's election to become the nation's first female prime minister, heading the most right-wing government since World War II**

1493: Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, on his second voyage of discovery to the New World

1513: Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa became the first European to set eyes on the Pacific Ocean

1909: The first Paris Air Show, the world's oldest and largest air show, was held at the Grand Palais

1943: In WWII the Russians liberated Smolensk, a key bastion in Russia still held by German forces