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International Seminar

FEDERALISM: NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Winning the challenge of identity, democratic governance and interdependence

Milano, 9-11 March 2018

The international seminar *"Federalism: national, European and global perspectives - Winning the challenge of identity, democratic governance and interdependence"* is the 2018 edition of the yearly training event organised in cooperation between JEF and UEF; this year it will focus on federalism, in its national, European and global dimensions, exploring the challenges facing and the opportunities offered by modern federalism at all level of government in contemporary societies.

The seminar will gather ca 70 international participants and ca 30 participants from Italy. Participants will come from different countries and different ages and background, mainly people interested in European affairs and the perspective of federalism at all levels of governance.

Through a combination of conferences, moderated panel debates and interactive working groups, the seminar will cover a wide range of aspects of federalism, from its theoretical foundations to its actual application in response to the most pressing issues in our societies at the national, European and global levels. Speakers will come from the world of academia, civil society, administration and politics from different countries.

PROGRAMME

Friday 9 March 2018

Venue: Spazio Cairoli, Vicolo S. Giovanni Sul Muro, 5, 20121 Milano

- 13:00 Registration of participants
- 13:30 Opening of the seminar
- 13.45 **“FEDERALISM – SETTING THE SCENE”**
- Introduction to the subjects of the seminar by
- **PAOLO VACCA**, Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists
- SESSION I – FUNDAMENTALS OF FEDERALISM**
- 14.00 **“FUNDAMENTALS OF FEDERALISM”**
- Introduction by:
- **LUISA TRUMELLINI**, Secretary General of the Movimento Federalista Europeo
- followed by debate with participants
- 15.00 **“THE FEDERAL STATE: THEORY AND COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT EXISTING FEDERAL STATES”**
- Introduction by
- **GIUSEPPE MARTINICO**, Associate Professor of Comparative Public law at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa and Fellow at the Centro Studi sul Federalismo of Turin
- followed by debate with participants
- 16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.15 **“NATIONALISM, POPULISM, GLOBALISATION, FEDERALISM: STRUGGLING FOR IDENTITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES”**
- Introduction by:
- **ALBERTO MARTINELLI**, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Sociology at the University of Milan
- followed by debate with participants
- 17.15 **“IS FEDERALISM THE RIGHT MODEL FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION?”**
- Introductions by:
- **ROBERTO CASTALDI**, Director of CESUE (Centre for European and Global Governance) and Associate Professor of Political Theory at eCampus University
 - **FEDERICO OTTAVIO REHO**, Research Officer at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels

followed by debate with participants

18.30 **WORKING GROUPS**

Participants break in working groups to discuss the topics of the conferences

19.30 Closing

20.00 Dinner

Saturday 10 March 2018

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SESSION II – FEDERALISM AT NATIONAL LEVEL

“DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES IN MODERN FEDERAL AND REGIONAL STATES – THE CASE OF SWITZERLAND, UNITED STATES, GERMANY AND SPAIN”

9.00 Introductions by:

- **GILBERT CASASUS**, Professor of European Studies and Director of the Centre for European Studies of the University of Fribourg (on Switzerland)
- **PAOLO VACCA**, Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists (on the United States)

followed by debate with participants

11.00 *Break*

11.30 Introductions by

- **OTTO SCHMUCK**, Vice President of the Union of European Federalists (on Germany)
- **JOAN BOTELLA**, Dean of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Autonomous University of Barcelona and President of Federalistes d'Esquerres (on Spain)

followed by debate with participants

13.00 *Lunch break at Spazio Cairoli*

14.00 **WORKING GROUPS**

Participants break in working groups to discuss the topics of the morning conferences

15.30 **SESSION III – FEDERALISM AT EUROPEAN LEVEL**

“WHAT FEDERAL MODEL FOR EUROPE? THE INSTITUTIONS”

Introductions by:

- **GIULIA ROSSOLILLO**, Professor of EU Law at the University of Pavia
- **ELMAR BROK**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Union of European Federalists

- **SIETSE WIJNSMA**, Policy Advisor on Constitutional Affairs to the ALDE Group in the European Parliament
- followed by debate with participants
- 17.00 *Coffee break*
- 17.30 **“WHAT FEDERAL MODEL FOR EUROPE? ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES”**
- Introductions by:
- **FABIO MASINI**, Professor of Theories and History of International Economic Relations at the University of Roma Tre
 - **CHRISTOPHER GLÜCK**, President of the Young European Federalists
 - **BRANDO BENIFEI**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the European Movement International
- followed by debate with participants
- 19.00 End of session
- 20.30 Dinner

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Session IV – FEDERALISM AT GLOBAL LEVEL

“PERSPECTIVES FOR FEDERALISM AT GLOBAL LEVEL: CHALLENGES, ALTERNATIVES, OPPORTUNITIES”

- 9.30 Introductions:
- **PILAR LLORENTE RUIZ DE AZUA**, Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists
 - **SUSANNA CAFARO**, Professor of European Law at Università del Salento, Author of the blog “Supranational Democracy”
 - **ANDREAS BUMMEL**, Director of Democracy Without Borders and of the international campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly
- followed by debate with participants
- 11.00 **WORKING GROUPS**
- Participants break in working groups to discuss the topics of the conferences
- 12:30 Evaluation
- 13:00 Closing