

FEDERALIST DEBATE AND TRAINING WEEKEND, MILAN, 9-11 MARCH 2018



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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 60 international participants and ca 20 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 Cairolì, Vicolo S. Giovanni Sul Muro, 5, 20121 Milano

	Registrations
14:00	Opening and Introduction to the programme <i>Greetings</i>
	SESSION I – FUNDAMENTALS OF FEDERALISM
14:30	“FUNDAMENTALS OF FEDERALISM” Introduction (20 mins) followed by debate with participants (25 mins)
15.15	“THE FEDERAL STATE: THEORY AND COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT EXISTING FEDERAL STATES” Two introductions (30 mins each), each followed by debate with participants (30 mins each)
17.15	Coffee break
17.30	“IS FEDERALISM THE RIGHT MODEL FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION?” Introduction (20 mins) followed by debate with participants (40 mins)
18.30	WORKING GROUPS Participants break in working groups to discuss the topics of the conferences
20:00	Closing
20.30	Group dinner in the city centre

Saturday 10 March 2018

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

9.00	Opening
	SESSION II – FEDERALISM AT NATIONAL LEVEL
	“EVOLVING FEDERAL MODELS: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN MODERN FEDERAL STATES, CASES FROM THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND” Two introductions (20 mins each) followed by debate with participants (45 mins)
10.30	Coffee break
10.45	“SUB-NATIONAL FEDERALISM IN TODAY’S EUROPE: WHICH ROLE AND COMPETENCES FOR REGIONS? WHICH ALTERNATIVES TO INDEPENDENTIST TRENDS?”

12:00 Introductions (15 mins each) followed by debate with participants (30 mins)
WORKING GROUPS
Participants break in working groups to discuss the topics of the morning conferences

13.15 Lunch break

SESSION III – FEDERALISM AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

14.30 **“WHAT FEDERAL MODEL FOR EUROPE? THE INSTITUTIONS”**

Two introductions (20-25 mins each) followed by debate with participants (45 mins)

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 **“WHAT FEDERAL MODEL FOR EUROPE? ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES”**

Two introductions (20-25 mins each) followed by debate with participants (45 mins)

18.00 **WORKING GROUPS**

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

19.30 End of session

20.30 Group Dinner in the city centre

Sunday 11 March 2018

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

9.00 Opening

Session IV – FEDERALISM AT GLOBAL LEVEL

“NATIONALISM, GLOBALISATION, FEDERALISM: STRUGGLING FOR IDENTITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES”

Two introductions (20 mins each) followed by debate with participants (35 mins)

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

Two introductions (20 mins each) followed by debate with participants (35 mins)

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 **WORKING GROUPS**

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

13:00 Closing

APPLICATIONS AND PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

How to apply

Applications from participants requesting accommodation and support for travel costs should be submitted before **Monday 8 January**. Accepted participants will be notified by email by **Monday 15 January 2018**. Some applications may not be accepted in the first round but at a later stage in case of cancellation by an accepted participant.

Applications from participants NOT requesting accommodation and support for travel costs should be submitted before **Friday 16 February 2018**. Accepted participants will be notified by email by **Friday 23 February 2018**.

Participation Conditions

Participants requesting accommodation and support for travel costs:

1. Upon notification by UEF of the acceptance to the seminar, accepted participants requesting accommodation and support for travel costs will be required to pay a participation contribution of **80 euros** (40 Euros for participants younger than 30 y.o) by **Monday 22 January 2018** to confirm their participation. Passed the deadline, all unconfirmed participants will be replaced by other applicants.
2. The participation fee entitles to:
 - Seminar: participation in all sessions of the seminar;
 - Accommodation: Friday and Saturday night in hotel in double rooms. Single Rooms (2 nights) are available at a supplement of 80 euro to be paid by the participant at the time of payment of the participation fee.
 - Meals: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast; all coffee breaks.
 - Travel reimbursements: 50% of the travel costs, up to a maximum payment of 150 euros, provided (1) low costs airlines are used whenever available and cheaper, and (2) tickets are bought not later than 7 days from reception by their participants of their notification of acceptance. Participants are required to provide their original travel tickets. Reimbursements will be made in cash at the event.

Participants NOT requesting accommodation and support for travel costs:

1. Upon notification from the UEF, accepted participants NOT requesting accommodation and support for travel costs but who wish to join the common meals (dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday and dinner on Saturday) will be required to pay a participation fee of 40 euros to cover the cost of all meals.
2. Accepted participants NOT requesting accommodation and support for travel costs and who do NOT join the common meals are not required to pay any participation fee. They should anyhow apply for the seminar as specified above.