PROGRAM

The Italian Republic at 80

1946–2026 · *Rebuilding Italy, Reframing Europe and Transatlantic Relations*

November 24–25, 2026 · Bologna

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL of ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES SAIS EUROPE

DAY 1 · OPENING EVENT

Tuesday, November 24

Aula Absidale di Santa Lucia, University of Bologna · Via de' Chiari 25/A, Bologna

16:30

WELCOME REMARKS

Chair: **Federico Casolari**, Head of Legal Studies Department, University of Bologna

Giovanni Molari, Rector, University of Bologna

Renaud Dehousse, Rector, Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Paolo Gentiloni

«Dal laboratorio italiano una scelta europeista nel disordine mondiale»

(Italy's Experience: A Pro-European Choice Amid Global Disorder)

Former Prime Minister of Italy (2016–2018) and European Commissioner (2019–2024)

PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION

Chair: **Susanna Mancini**, Full Professor of Comparative Public Law, University of Bologna

Armando Barucco, Secretary-General, European University Institute

Tito Boeri, Full Professor of Economics, Bocconi University

Marco Buti, Full Professor of European Economic and Monetary Integration, European University Institute

Daria de Pretis, Vice-President Emerita, Constitutional Court of Italy

Lucia Serena Rossi, Judge Emerita, Court of Justice of the European Union

Language: Italian, with simultaneous interpretation into English

DAY 2 · WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 25

Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe, Penthouse · Via Beniamino Andreatta 3, Bologna

9:15–9:30

Welcome remarks

Raffaella Campaner, Deputy Rector for International Relations, University of Bologna

9:30–11:00

Democracy, Institutions, and Fundamental Rights

Chair: **Chiara Bologna**, Full Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Bologna (DSG)

Fernanda Nicola, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University

Nicola Lacetera, Full Professor of Economic Policy, University of Bologna (DSE)

Sabrina Ragone, Associate Professor of Comparative Public Law, University of Bologna (SPS)

Mark Gilbert, C. Grove Haines Professor of History and International Studies, SAIS Europe

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

Wednesday, November 25

11:30–13:00

Peace and Defense in Transatlantic Relations: Emerging Challenges

Chair: **Matteo Dian**, Associate Professor of History and Institutions of Asia, University of Bologna (SPS)

Ludovica Chiussi Curzi, Associate Professor of International Law, University of Bologna (DSG)

Gregorio Bettiza, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Bologna (SPS)

Andrew Winner, Adjunct Professor, SAIS Europe and Professor Emeritus, US Naval War College

Maria Bigoni, Full Professor of Economics, University of Bologna (DSE)

13:00–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:00

Multilateralism across European and Transatlantic Institutions

Chair: **Carlotta Berti Ceroni**, Head of Economics Department, University of Bologna (DSE)

Pietro Manzini, Full Professor of European Union Law, University of Bologna (DSG)

Francesca Fauri, Associate Professor of Economic History, University of Bologna (DSE)

Sonia Lucarelli, Full Professor of Political Science, University of Bologna (SPS)

Michael Leigh, Senior Adjunct Professor and Academic Director of the Master of Arts in European Public Policy, SAIS Europe

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–18:00

Strategic Autonomy and Emerging Technologies

Chair: **Michael Leigh**, Senior Adjunct Professor and Academic Director of the Master of Arts in European Public Policy, SAIS Europe

Giovanni Sartor, Full Professor of Philosophy of Law, University of Bologna (DSG)

Antonio Minniti, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Bologna (DSE)

Alice Mattoni, Associate Professor of Sociology of Cultural and Communication Processes, University of Bologna (SPS)

Stefano Ungaro, Adjunct Professor, SAIS Europe and Economic and Policy Analyst at the European Commission

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