

Patrick McCarthy Memorial Seminar Series on Intellectuals and Politics

This seminar series aims to revive a tradition of studies in the humanities that has always been part of the SAIS Europe mission. Studying International Relations requires knowledge of what makes other countries and other cultures tick. It requires knowledge of the mores, ideas and histories of societies around the world. Patrick McCarthy was an able interpreter of this cultural dimension to international affairs, one of the leading scholars of contemporary Italian affairs and a major figure in the field of intellectual history of twentieth century Europe.

Patrick's interests and expertise ranged from all aspects of politics and literature to the sociology of sport and modern dance. He wrote for several European newspapers about politics, including *Tribune*, and was a regular reviewer for the *Times Literary Supplement*. He also found time to consult on labor relations for a US company. His books spanned biographies of well known authors (Camus and Céline) to Italian politics, the Franco-German relationship, British politics and the use of language by politicians and others.

He was also a distinguished member of faculty at Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe and an inspiration for many Bologna graduates.

The Patrick McCarthy Fund

Upon his death, many of his former students and friends decided to establish the Patrick McCarthy Fund to support faculty research at SAIS Europe. The fund-raising drive, initiated by members of the Bologna Classes of 1991 and 1999, is still ongoing and is open to all SAIS alumni and friends. The ultimate goal of the Fund is to establish a Patrick McCarthy Chair at SAIS Europe. This event would not have been possible without the support of the Fund.

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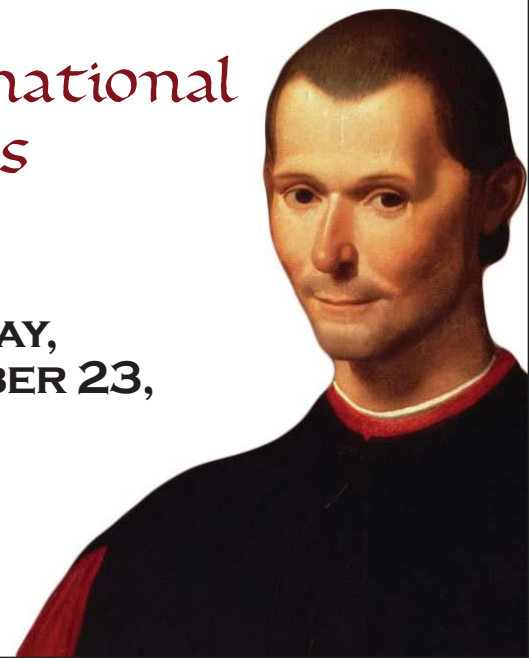
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Machiavelli and International Politics

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The importance of international affairs in Machiavelli's thought cannot be denied. A substantial part of his writings as Secretary to the Second Chancery and to the Ten of War of the Florentine republic, from 1498 to 1512 deals with foreign affairs and military issues; the pervasiveness of external threats permeates *The Prince*; the second book of the *Discourses* is explicitly concerned with the rise of Rome as a great power, and a number of fundamental ideas about international affairs are scattered around the other two books as well; the *Art of War*, needless to say, is entirely devoted to military themes; in the *Florentine Histories*, the chapters on external issues are more than twice as many as those on Florence's domestic politics; and even the private letters, above all those addressed to Francesco Vettori between 1513 and 1514, frequently discuss the most pressing international problems of the day.

Despite all this, only rarely does Machiavellian scholarship address those «international» themes in a systematic way. In the 500th anniversary of the writing of *The Prince*, a group of Italian and foreign scholars will gather at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe to discuss what Machiavelli thought about peace and war, ethics and international politics, neutrality and alliances, military force, the great powers, and the foreign policy of republics as opposed to the foreign policy of principalities.

Program

9:30 INTRODUCTION

KENNETH H. KELLER

Director, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe,
Bologna, Italy

9:40 MORNING SESSION

Chair: **JOHN L. HARPER**

GUERRA E MILIZIA IN MACHIAVELLI

ANDREA GUIDI

Post-doctoral Research Assistant, Department of History,
Birkbeck, University of London, U.K.

DALLA DIPLOMAZIA ALLA POLITICA: GIULIO II E IL CASO DI PERUGIA (1506)

JEAN-JACQUES MARCHAND

Professeur Honoraire, Faculté des Lettres, Université de
Lausanne, Switzerland

GLI STATI E LA POLITICA ESTERA NEL PRINCIPE

ROMAIN DESCENDRE

Professeur d'Études Italiennes, Ecole Normale
Supérieure, Lyon, France

12:00 DEBATE

15:00 AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: **JEAN-JACQUES MARCHAND**

MACHIAVELLI TEORICO DELLA POLITICA INTERNAZIONALE

MARCO CESA

Professor of International Relations, University of
Bologna and Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe,
Bologna, Italy

REALISM AND ETHICS: MACHIAVELLI ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ERICA BENNER

Fellow in Political Philosophy, Department of Political
Science, Yale University, New Haven, CT, U.S.

MACHIAVELLI, HAMILTON, AND THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

JOHN L. HARPER

Professor of American Foreign Policy, Johns Hopkins
University SAIS Europe, Bologna, Italy

17:20 DEBATE

18:30 CLOSING REMARKS

IN ITALIAN AND ENGLISH WITH
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION