

SAVE THE DATE

Teaching Italian Symposium XVII

Friday, October 25, 2024

MILLE GRAZIE!



The Judges Panel for the Coccia-Inserra Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Teaching of Italian (K-12):

Dr. Andrea Baldi - Professor of Italian,
Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ)

Maria Gloria Borsa - Bellaire High School (Houston, TX);
Recipient of the 2020 Coccia-Inserra Teaching Award

Gina Gallo - Bristol Central High School (Bristol, CT);
Recipient of the 2016 Coccia-Inserra Teaching Award

Dr. Annavaleria Guazzieri - Former Dirigente Scolastica,
Consulate General of Italy in New York

Dr. Mary Sisler - Visiting Professor of Italian,
Drew University (Madison, NJ)

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**Enza Antenos, Mark Rotella, Cristina Latino,
Gabiella Benevenga, Sabrina LoPresti, and Gabiella Socio**
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TEACHING ITALIAN MEETING XVI

Activating SDGs in the Italian Classroom

Symposium/Workshops for Instructional Materials



Friday, October 20, 2023

9:30am to 3:30pm

University Hall ■ 7th Floor Conference Center ■ Montclair State University

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Registration/Iscrizione

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction/Discorsi di benvenuto

Mark Rotella

Director, The Joseph and Elda Coccia Institute
for the Italian Experience in America

Peter Kingstone

Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Montclair State University

***Steven LaPeruta**

Adjunct Professor of Italian at Montclair State University
Italian Teacher at Nutley High School

Fabrizio Di Michele

Consul General of Italy, New York

Margaret Cuomo

President and Co-Founder, Italian Language Foundation

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Conferral of Awards/Conferimento del premio al merito

**The Coccia-Inserra Award for Excellence and
Innovation in the Teaching of Italian (K12)**

Andrea Baldi

Panel Chair; Professor of Italian, Rutgers University

Elisa Coccia

President, Coccia Foundation

Lawrence R. Inserra

CEO, Inserra Supermarkets

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Panel Discussion/Tavola rotonda

***Inventing, Innovating, and Campaigning: Are You Ready?
Inventare, innovare e partecipare: ci siamo?***

Steven LaPeruta

Panel Moderator, Montclair State University and Nutley High School

Maria Gloria Borsa

Bellaire High School (Bellaire, Texas)

Matilde Fogliani

Liberty High School (Jersey City, New Jersey)

Luisanna Sardu

Manhattan College (Bronx, New York)

Valentina Morello

University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (Fayetteville, Arkansas)

Ryan Calabretta-Sajder

University of Arkansas- Fayetteville (Fayetteville, Arkansas)

Emanuela Pecchioli

University at Buffalo, SUNY (Buffalo, New York)

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Lunch/Pranzo

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Workshop Session I/Seminario I

Maria Gloria Borsa

*Guida d'Italia attraverso la Costituzione -
Voyage to Italy Through Its Constitution*
University Hall - Main Conference Center

Valentina Morello and Ryan Calabretta-Sajder

*Italian Music Speaks Out! Engaging Social
Justice Issues Through Songs*
University Hall - President's Dining Room

Matilde Fogliani and Luisanna Sardu

SDGs Through Short Movies and AI
University Hall - Workshop Room A

Emanuela Pecchioli

Project Based Language Learning for Sustainable Goals
University Hall - Workshop Room B

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Workshop Session II/Seminario II

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3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Farewell/Chiusura

The Italian Language Foundation Membership Winners

Mark Rotella, Moderator

Margaret Cuomo, Italian Language Foundation

**Many thanks to dedicated Symposium Chair, Enza Antenos, for organizing this year's symposium and to Steven LaPeruta for delivering opening remarks and moderating the panel in her place.*