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**HUMAN RIGHTS:  
BRIDGING  
THE CULTURAL DIVIDE**

*Under the High Patronage of the  
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*ISPI was founded in 1934 on the initiative of a group of scholars who, inspired and supported by Alberto Pirelli, were keen to provide Italy with a centre for free and independent thought on foreign politics.*

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*To remember this and to emphasize the crucial role of witness and political commentator played by the Institute - even in the most difficult days of the second world war - ISPI will mark the 70th anniversary of its foundation by organizing a series of conferences, debates and other initiatives dedicated to the uppermost themes in international affairs today.*

## THE CONFERENCE

*The aim of this Conference, held under the auspices of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNCTAD and the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, is to provide a unique opportunity for a multi-disciplinary debate on the issues of justice, security, promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural world.*

*Eminent personalities from all over the globe, gathering in plenary sessions, together with professionals, experts and scholars from different political and cultural backgrounds will explore how human rights are conceived and perceived, promoted and protected by different peoples in different cultural contexts, at both regional and international levels. The question of the universality of human rights and cultural diversities will be at the core of the debate. This Conference is dedicated to the memory of the late UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Sergio Vieira de Mello who died in August 2003 following the attack on the UN headquarters in Baghdad, and who from its very beginning had strongly supported this challenging intellectual exercise.*

# HUMAN RIGHTS: BRIDGING THE CULTURAL DIVIDE

*Monday, November 15*

09.30 / 13.15

## OPENING SESSION

### Opening remarks:

**Boris Biancheri**, *President of ISPI*

**Filippo Penati**, *President of the Province of Milan*

## Keynote Addresses

**Franco Frattini**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy*

**Louise Arbour**, *UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

**Carlos Fortin**, *Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD*

## INTRODUCTION

**Margherita Boniver**, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy*

## KEYNOTE SPEECHES

**Wole Soyinka**, *Nobel Prize for Literature, Nigeria*

**Bronislaw Geremek**, *MEP and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland*

**Rubens Ricupero**, *Former Secretary-General of UNCTAD*

**Alexander Yakovlev**, *President of the International Democracy Foundation, Russia*

**Fausto Pocar**, *Vice President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia*

**Mohammed El Said El Dakkak**, *Member of the National Council for Human Rights, Egypt*

14.15 / 16.30

## I SESSION: “JUSTICE AND SECURITY IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD”

**Chair and introduction: Giampiero Massolo**, *Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy*

**Vojin Dimitrijevic**, *Director of Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, Serbia - Montenegro*

**Tom Farer**, *Dean of the University of Denver, USA*

**Nader Fergany**, *Director of Almishkat Centre for Research, Egypt*

**Sona Khan**, *Advocate of Supreme Court of India*

**Celso Lafer**, *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brazil*

**Vladimir Petrovsky**, *President of the Foundation “Dialogue among Civilisations”*

16.45 / 19.00

## II SESSION: “PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD: A QUEST FOR UNIVERSALITY”

**Chair and introduction: Alberto Malatesta**, *Professor of Law, LIUC University and ISPI, Italy*

**Philip Alston\***, *Professor of Law, New York University School of Law, USA*

**Emmanuel Victor Oware Dankwa**, *Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights*

**Giorgio Franchetti Pardo**, *Chairman of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education*

**Alon Harel**, *Professor of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*

**Massimo Iovane**, *Professor of Law, Federico II University, Italy*

**Vitit Muntarbhorn**, *UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea*

**Kenneth Roth\***, *Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, USA*

**Ivan Tosevski**, *Chairman of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture*