Foreign Policy and Religious Engagement:  
The special case of Italy  
Milan, October 30-31, 2014

30th October

3.00-3.15 p.m. Welcome addresses  
Franco BRUNI, Vice President, ISPI  
Massimo CARNELOS, Counsellor, Policy planning and historical diplomatic Documentation Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

3.15-3.30 p.m. Introductory remarks  
Fabio PETITO, University of Sussex & Scientific Coordinator of ISPI-MAE seminar on ‘Religions and International Relations’  
Scott THOMAS, University of Bath & Scientific Co-coordinator of this year seminar

3.30-6.00 p.m. Panel 1: Discussing the Contemporary Experiences of Religious Engagement in Foreign Policy  
Chair: Fabio PETITO, University of Sussex & Scientific Coordinator of ISPI-MAE seminar on ‘Religions and International Relations’

Kick off remarks:

Orianne AYMARD, Religions and Political Affairs Officer, Centre for Analysis, Planning and Strategy, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs – France  
Nigel BAKER, British Ambassador to the Holy See – Vatican City State  
Merete BILDE, Senior Policy Adviser, European External Action Service – Belgium  
Jean Nicolas BITTER, Senior Adviser, Religion, Politics and Conflict, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs – Switzerland  
Liora DANAN, Policy Advisor of the U.S. Secretary of State for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives – USA  
Peter MANDAVILLE, Professor of International Affairs, George Mason University – USA

7.30 p.m. Cocktail
31 October

9.00-10.45 a.m.  
**Panel 2: An Overview of the Religion and Foreign Policy Relationship in Italy: Retrieving and reconsidering the historical memory for building the future**

*Chair: Alfonso ALFONSI*, President Aldo Moro Academy of Historical Studies – Italy

*Kick off remarks:*

Father Giuseppe **BUFFON**, Professor of Church History, Antonianum University – Italy

**Alfredo CANAVERO**, Director, Center for Study of Public Opinion and Foreign Policy, University of Milan – Italy

Pierre **DE CHARENTENAY**, SJ, member of the Board of the writers of "The Catholic Civilization" – Vatican City State

**Michael DRIESEN**, Professor of International Affairs and Political Science, John Cabot University – Italy

11.15 a.m.-1.00 p.m.  
**Panel 3: Looking ahead: how to implement creatively religious engagement in Italian foreign policy? The case of the protection of human rights**

*Chair: Roberto CATALANO*, Director, Interreligious Dialogue Center, Focolare Movement – Italy

*Kick off remarks:*

Pasquale **ANNICCHINO**, Research Fellow, European University Institute – Italy

Khalid **CHAOUKI**, Member, Italian Parliament – Italy

Father Giacomo **COSTA**, Director, Aggiornamenti Sociali – Italy

3.00-4.30 p.m.  
**Panel 4: Looking ahead: how to implement creatively religious engagement in Italian foreign policy? The case of crisis management and peace building**

*Chair: THOMAS Scott*, Senior Lecturer in International Relations and the Politics of Developing Countries, University of Bath; Research Fellow in the Centre for Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue, Heythrop College, University of London – UK

*Kick off remarks:*

**Claudio BETTI**, Community of Sant’ Egidio – Italy

**Pasquale FERRARA**, Secretary General, European University Institute – Italy

**Yahya Sergio Yahe PALLAVICINI**, Chairman, ISESCO Council for Muslims in non Islamic countries; Vice President, CO.RE.IS. (Italian Islamic Religious Community) – Italy

**Olivier ROY**, Professor of Social and Political Theory, European University Institute – Italy

4.30-5.00pm  
**Concluding Session: How to move forward and final document discussion**

*Chair: Fabio PETITO*, University of Sussex & Scientific Coordinator of ISPI-MAE seminar on ‘Religions and International Relations’
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