



**ALTIERO SPINELLI INSTITUTE OF FEDERALIST STUDIES
VENTOTENE - ITALY**

32nd International Seminar on Federalism 30 August-4 September 2015

FEDERALISM IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD

The "Altiero Spinelli" Institute for Federalist Studies has been organizing an international seminar on the island of Ventotene since 32 years. This island off the Italian coast was the place where Altiero Spinelli, author of the Federalist Ventotene Manifesto, was imprisoned during the Second World War. Each year, young federalists gather here to discuss with leading experts from the European and World Federalist Movement federalist ideas on European and global issues. The seminar is a unique and intensive experience on European and Federalist studies.



Main topics of the International seminar 2015

- *Human Rights and Peace*
- *European Union and Regional Imbalances*
- *European Union and global economy*
- *Federalism and federalist organizations*

***150 participants. 60 hours of training and debates. 30 speakers.
Here we are building the future of Europe!***

In Ventotene we give shape to Europe!

- an **international seminar** with 50 participants from Europe and the World -
 - a **national seminar** with 100 participants from Italy -
- **conferences and debates** with more than 30 speakers -
 - **Journalism Award "Altiero Spinelli"** -

Some of the speakers that participated to the Ventotene Seminars:

- *Rocco Buttiglione* – Italian Minister for European Affairs
- *Pier Virgilio Dastoli* – European Commission Representation in Italy
- *Andrea Enria* – President of European Banking Authority
- *Jo Leinen* – MEP and President of European Movement
- *Tommaso Padoa Schioppa* – Board of ECB and Italian Minister of Economic Affairs
- *Bill Pace* – Executive Director of World Federalist Movement
- *Gianni Pittella* – Vice President of the European Parliament
- *Jean Quatremer* – Journalist at "Libération" and author of the blog "Coulisses de Bruxelles"
- *Ferdinando Riccardi* – Director of "Agence Europe", Bruxelles
- *Michael Braun* – Director Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – Italy
- *Ignazio Visco* – Governor of Bank of Italy
- *Fabrizio Saccomanni* – Italian Minister of Economic Affairs
- *Josep Borrell* – President of the European Parliament



President of Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano in Ventotene

"On Spinelli's ideas and battles we have to think much more than has been done so far. It is perhaps the richest legacy on which to rely to form morally our younger generations and operate looking to the future"

Giorgio Napolitano

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From the Monetary Union to the United States of Europe

Ventotene, Italy
30 August-4 September 2015

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

16,45 **Opening of XXXII International Ventotene Seminar**

17,30-18,30 **THE VENTOTENE MANIFESTO AND THE MESSAGE OF EU FOUNDING FATHERS TO YOUNG GENERATIONS**

18,30 – 19,30 Debate

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

9,30 – 10,30 **FEDERALISM AND THE OTHER IDEOLOGIES**

10,30 – 11,30 Working groups

11,45 – 13,00 Debate

17,30 – 18,30 **THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE REGIONAL UNIFICATION PROCESSES: AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AMERICA, ASEAN**

18,30 – 19,30 Debate

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

9,30-11,30 **THE COMMITMENT FOR GLOBAL DEMOCRACY. THE CAMPAIGN FOR A UNITED NATIONS PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY.**
(Joint Session with national seminar)

11,45 - 13,15 Debate

17,30 – 18,30 **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION: WHY EUROPE CAN DO BETTER THAN NATIONAL STATES**

18,30 – 19,30 Debate

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

09,30-10,30 **A EUROPEAN INVESTMENT PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT**

10,30 – 11,30 Working groups

11,45 – 13,00 Debate

17,30 – 18,30 **THE FEDERALIST PROPOSAL FOR A COOPERATIVE WORLD MONETARY ORDER**

18,30 – 19,30 Debate

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

9,30 – 10,30 **FEDERALISM AS A NEW KIND OF POLITICAL COMMITMENT**

10,30 – 11,30 Working groups

11,45 – 13,00 Debate

17,30 – 18,30 **FEDERALIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE**

18,30 – 19,30 Debate

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

9,30-10,30: Round Table **THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOR A FISCAL, ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY UNION OF THE EUROZONE AND EU TREATY REFORM**

10,30 – 11,30 Working groups

11,45 – 13,00 Debate

APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Applications

Online application form must be submitted by **31st May 2015**. The form is accessible through the Altiero Spinelli Institute (ASI)'s website www.istitutospinelli.org.

Should you encounter any problems with the web-based form, send an email to applications@istitutospinelli.org. Make sure that it contains all the same data requested by the web-form.

Admission

European Participants:

By **20th June**, an ASI Commission will select the participants and will provide the admitted ones with detailed information concerning the procedure for confirmation, the program and how to reach Ventotene.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING

A) Conditions for international participants

European participants (excluding Italian participants)

Selected participants will receive, **without any cost, full board and accommodation** from the lunch of 30th August to the lunch of 4th September included.

No travel reimbursement is provided. With advanced booking it will be possible to fly to Rome or Naples (the closest airports) at very low costs from many European cities.

WFM's Youth members and non-European participants

ASI and WFM New York have agreed to send up to 10 WFM youth participants. The selection of participants will respect a fair geographical distribution between applicants.

The selected participants will receive, **without any cost, full board and accommodation** from the lunch of 30th August to the lunch of 4th September. ASI will grant a scholarship for three participants selected by WFM that will consist in the reimbursement of 50% of travel costs up to a maximum reimbursement of 300 €. With advanced booking it will be possible to fly to Rome or Naples (the closest airports) at low costs from many cities.

The same participating conditions applied to European participants will be also applied to WFM's youth members coming from any European country. See above conditions for European participants.

WFM New York and/or WFM' national sections, with the previous agreement of the ASI, will be able to send, on its full own charge, more than 10 participants.

Caution fee

A caution of **100 €** shall be paid in advance by both European and non-European participants who have been accepted in the seminar in order to confirm their participation. The full amount of 100 € will be returned to each participant at the end of the seminar, provided that s/he will have attended all sessions. Instructions for providing the transfer will be given in the notice of acceptance. Caution money has to be paid by **5th July**. If a participant, after having paid the caution money, can't attend the Seminar, it will be reimbursed only if s/he informs the ASI before **20th July**.

Participants will be invited to provide the details (Beneficiary, IBAN code, BIC/SWIFT code) of the bank account where the reimbursement will be credited.

B) Conditions for Italian participants to the international seminar

The conditions for Italians applying for the international seminar are the same as those of the national seminar (150 € participation fee and 70% travel reimbursement up to a maximum reimbursement of 70 €). The participation fee of 150 € has to be paid by **5th July** and no caution fee is requested. If a participant, after having paid the participation fee, can't attend the Seminar, it will be reimbursed only if s/he informs the ASI before **20th July**. Participants will be invited to provide the details (Beneficiary, IBAN code) of the bank account where the reimbursement will be credited.

D) Working language

English will be the working language for the international seminar.

E) Visa request (all participants)

Participants of some countries may need to apply for a Visa to be admitted to Europe. In this case, participants coming from such countries are requested to specify within application deadline if they need a Visa. In this case, the Institute, while providing the admission confirmation, will send a Visa request letter to the Italian Embassy in charge. This is the only service the Institute will provide and the participant will be fully responsible for obtaining the Visa. ASI will not be responsible for any cost born by the applicant for obtaining the VISA.



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