



Economy, commerce, and international security in Trump's America: challenges and opportunities for Italy and Europe

Kim Holmes, Pier Carlo Padoan, Adam Posen, and Sergio Marchionne will participate in the yearly meeting of the Council for the US and Italy

PRESS RELEASE

Venice, June 8, 2017 - The 27th **Workshop of the Council for the United States and Italy** will take place in Venice on **Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17** at the Excelsior Hotel on the Lido island. Attendance is limited to members of the Council and invited guests, including Italian and key international figures from politics, academia, industry, and finance.

The Workshop is the main initiative of the Council for the US and Italy, a private organization aimed at fostering closer ties between the United States and Italy and, in a broader perspective, between US and Europe. The Council is chaired by **Sergio Marchionne**, CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA).

The keynote speeches of the Workshop will be delivered by **Adam Posen** (President, Peterson Institute for International Economics), **Kim Holmes** (Acting Senior Vice President for Research, The Heritage Foundation), and **Pier Carlo Padoan** (Italian Minister of Economy and Finance).

Furthermore, **Dominique Moïsi** (Senior Counselor, Institut Montaigne) will address the attendees on the theme "**Europe after the French elections**", while **Martin Indyk** (Executive Vice President, The Brookings Institution) will speak on "**Main challenges for the transatlantic relations**". They will be moderated, respectively, by **Jim Hoagland** (Contributing Editor, Washington Post), and **Gianni Riotta** (Pirelli Chair French and Italian Department, Princeton University; Columnist, La Stampa).

Three panels will take place during the Workshop:

- *The Atlantic Alliance, Russia, and European defense*: The panel will be chaired by **Christopher Caldwell** (Senior Editor, Weekly Standard), **Elmar Brok** (Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament), **Vincenzo Camporini** (Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali; former Chief of Staff, Italian armed forces), and **Kurt Volker** (Executive Director, McCain Institute for International Leadership, Arizona State University; former US Permanent Representative to NATO) will contribute to the discussion.

- *Trade, growth and protectionism*: the panel will be chaired by **Carlo Bastasin** (Editorialist, Il Sole 24 Ore), **Gary Clyde Hufbauer** (Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics), **Scott Paul** (President, Alliance for American Manufacturing), and **André Sapir** (Senior Fellow, Bruegel) will participate.

- *The digital economy and industry 4.0*: **Elio Catania** (President, Confindustria digitale) will moderate the panel. **Marcus Berret** (Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Roland Berger), **Carlo D'Asaro Biondo** (President EMEA Strategic Relationships, Google), and **Denny Monti** (Vice President, Global Manufacturing Engineering Vehicle & Manufacturing Engineering EMEA Region, FCA) will take part in the discussion.

It may be possible to arrange individual interviews with speakers or other guests. Media will not be able to enter the hall of the working sessions but some "on the record" keynote speeches may be available for monitoring in the media room. If you are interested in seeking accreditation to the event, please enter the restricted area of the website http://www.consiusa.org/area_riservata_media.php.

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