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The changing nature of work and its implications for individuals, business, society and politics

That will be the theme of the 3-day Boston Young Leaders Conference of the Council for the US and Italy with the participation of fifty global “Young Leaders” from all over the world.

Washington, September 18, 2017 – The **33rd Young Leaders Conference** of the **Council for the United States and Italy** will be held on **September 21-23** in **Boston, MA**.

The meeting will bring together a selected group of 50 promising young professionals, under 40 years of age, coming from Italy, United States, and 16 countries (Albania, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Israel, Ivory Coast, Japan, Morocco, Poland, Russia, Turkey, and United Kingdom) to discuss **“The Changing Nature of Work and its Implications for Individuals, Business and Society/Politics”**.

Over three days, the Young Leaders will discuss significant issues such as: how will the nature of work change in the next decade? How will technological progress and new organizational practices affect workflows? Is John Maynard Keynes’s prediction of rising unemployment due to technological progress becoming reality? What role will the state play on the labor market? What about institutions, entrepreneurs, unions, political forces? How are the lives of the individuals changing? What about the entire society?

The debates will be nurtured by the keynote speeches of **Michael Dukakis**, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University, three-time Governor of Massachusetts and Democratic Presidential Candidate (1988); **Paul Osterman**, NTU Professor at the Sloan School of Management of MIT; and **Michelle Wu**, President and Councilor At-Large of the Boston City Council. Italian Consul General **Nicola De Santis** will deliver welcoming remarks.

This year’s Young Leaders went through a competitive selection process aimed at selecting “best and brightest” among 170 candidates. Participants were chosen on the basis of their record of accomplishment, leadership qualities, and growth potential in their respective fields of endeavor, which cover the spectrum from academia and business to government, media, and nonprofit/nongovernmental organizations.

Alumni of the conferences, who now number **over 800**, include prominent leaders in the United States, Italy, and other countries, including past or present holders of positions such as Prime Minister of Italy, President of Mexico, Members of the US House of Representatives and the Italian Chamber of Deputies, American Ambassador to NATO, Italian Representative to the EU, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank, Chairman of Assicurazioni Generali, Chairman of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Chairman and CEO of Philip Morris International, Chairman of Telecom Italia, President of Eni and President of Bard College.

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