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### **The Lisbon Treaty One Year On: Achievements and Challenges**

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PROGRAMME

- 9.30 **Welcome & Opening Session**
- Rossella Bardazzi**, *Head of the International Relations and European Studies Program, University of Florence*
- Mary Ellen Countryman**, *Consul General of the US, Florence*
- Cristina Giachi**, *Deputy Major for University, Research and Youth Policies, Municipality of Florence*
- 9.45-11.15 **Session 1: The Lisbon Treaty in a historical perspective**
- Chair: **Valeria Fargion**, *University of Florence*
- Participants:
- Stefano Bartolini**, *Director of the Schuman Centre, European University Institute, Fiesole*  
 “The Treaty of Lisbon and the European constitutional tradition”
- Massimiliano Guderzo**, *University of Florence*  
 “The Historical Roots of a Global Role for the EU”
- Pasquale Antonio Baldocci**, *Former Italian Ambassador, Institute of Forecasting Studies and International Research (ISPRI)*  
 “Lisbon: a Reform or a Resignation Treaty?”
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.45-12:45 **Session 2: Institutional and Procedural Changes**
- Chair: Caterina Paolucci, *James Madison University*
- Participants:
- Adelina Adinolfi**, *University of Florence*  
 “The impact of the institutional changes on the role of the European Court of Justice”
- Silvio Gonzato**, *Head of Secretariat, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament, Brussels*  
 “The External Action Service as seen from the European Parliament’s perspective”
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 16.00 **Session 3: The impact of the Lisbon changes on EU external relations**
- Chair: **Cosimo Risi**, *Minister, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG EU Integration*
- Participants:

**Alexandre Stuzmann**, *Diplomatic Adviser of the President of the European Parliament, Brussels*

“The EU-US relationship in global governance: the contribution of parliamentary diplomacy”

**Steven Szabo**, *Director of the Transatlantic Academy of the German Marshall Fund of the U.S*

“Prospects for US-European relations in the wake of recent election”

**Ferdinando Sanfelice di Monteforte**, *Admiral, Former Italian military representative to NATO and the EU*

“Possibilities of EU maritime cooperation with other international stakeholders”

**Christopher Davis**, *Minister Councillor for Political Affairs, US Mission to the EU, Brussels*

“Washington Braces for Lisbon”

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00

**Session 4: The new Citizens Initiative and the role of national parliaments – overcoming the democratic deficit of the Union?**

Chair: **Maurizio Cotta**, *University of Siena*

Participants:

**Roberto Castaldi**, *Director Centro Studi Documentazione e Formazione sull’Unione Europea (CESUE), Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna*

“Towards what kind of European supranational democracy?”

**Alexander Trechsel**, *European University Institute, Fiesole*

“Challenges and Perspectives for the European Citizens’ Initiative”

**Andrea Pierucci**, *University of Naples, l’Orientale*

“Democracy and citizenship: consultation as an instrument of participation”

18.00

Closing remarks

**Why this conference:**

The Lisbon Treaty has entered into force on 1 December 2009. One year after, it is time for an assessment of the main implications and challenges of what has been defined without doubt a major achievement and a crucial step in the European integration process.

This conference brings together political scientists, legal scholars as well as experts and practitioners, who will discuss the impact of the new treaty on the theories of EU integration, the decision-making processes and the policies of the Union, with a specific focus on some of the most notable changes, such as the European External Action Service, the Citizens Initiative and the role of the European Parliament in the new architecture of the Union. Within this framework, a special attention will be given to the way in which the new treaty impacts, externally, on the transatlantic relationship and, internally, on the “democratic deficit” of the Union, with the aim to shed light on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty to strengthen the EU as a foreign policy actor, and to tackle some of the highly debated weaknesses of the European institutional setting.

The cooperation between the Centro d’Eccellenza Europeo Jean Monnet of the Univeristy of Florence and The Master in European Union Policy Studies by James Madison University has the aim of spreading high level knowledge of the EU and to put in touch scholars, practitioners and theorists, bringing them closer to the students of both Italian and foreign universities in Florence. A second, but not secondary, aim of this event is to function as preliminary to further seminars, exchanges between faculty and students of participating institutions.

The conference is in English