Fifth Italo-American Conference

Uncertainty and Insecurity
In the New Age

William Paterson University
May 17-18, 2007

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute
Queens College, CUNY
May 19, 2007
Session 1: Uncertainty and Insecurity
Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Welcome
Edward Weil, Provost and Executive Vice President William Paterson University
Agostino Fragai, Councilman for Institutional Policies, Regional Council of Tuscan

Presider/Discussant
Vincent N. Parrillo, William Paterson University
“Uncertainty and Insecurity in the New Age”
Simone Gabbriellini, University of Pisa
“So White? I’m White! Framing Whiteness in Insecure Times”
Karyn Loscocco, State University of New York at Albany
Paul Magro, Marywood University
“Possibility and Insecurity in the European Knowledge Society”
Gerardo Pastore, University of Pisa

Session 2: Work and Politics
Friday, May 18, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Saluti
Paolo Toschi, Vice Consul of Italy in Newark

Presider/Discussant
Mary Ann Re, NJ Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission
“Employability and Social Inclusion: The European Perspective”
Rachele Benedetti, University of Pisa
“The Vanishing Italian Expatriate Voter”
Rocco Caporale, St. John’s University
“Thirty Years of Italian Government Employment in NYC and NY State”
Vincenzo Milione, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, CUNY
“Work Harassment as Health Risk Regime”
Noelle Molé, Rutgers University
“The Idea of Work in a Postmodern World”
Mario A. Toscano, University of Pisa
Session 3: Identity and Culture
Friday, May 18, 2007 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Presider/Discussant
Susanna Tardi, William Paterson University

“Italian American Culture at Risk of Being Lost”
Dominic Candeloro, American Italian Historical Association

“Memory and Flexibility: The Difficulty of Building Identity in the Risk Society”
Maria Grazia Ricci, University of Pisa

“Risk Biographies: R. Sennet’s Theory of Identity”
Vincenzo Mele, University of Pisa

“Local Development, Milieu, and Identity in Southern Italy”
Angelo Salento, University of Pisa

Session 4: Migration and Cultural Retention
Friday, May 18, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Presider/Discussant
Paul Magro, Marywood University

“Globalization vs. Fragmented Cultural Identities”
Ino Rossi, St. John’s University

“Perceptions of Immigration: An Historical Perspective”
Susanna Tardi, William Paterson University

“Landscape, Memory, and Writing Culture”
Ernesto V. Savona, University of Trento

“Italy/America: The Use of Cultural Heritage”
Sarah Siciliano, University of Salento

Session 5: Community and Isolation
Friday, May 18, 2007 from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Presider/Discussant
Rocco Caporale, St. John’s University

“Gender Studies in Italy”
Rita Biancheri, University of Pisa

“Communities and Social Change”
Luca Carbone, University of Salento

“Acceptance or Rejection: Insecurity of Italian American Homosexuals”
Michael Carosone, NYC Human Resources
“Multiproblematic Family in the Social Services in Italy”  
Roberto Mazza, University of Pisa  

Session 6: Society and Social Capital  
Saturday, May 20, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Welcome  
James Muyskens, President, Queens College, CUNY  
Anthony Julian Tamburri, Dean, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, CUNY  

Presider/Discussant  
Fred Gardaphé, SUNY at Stony Brook  

“The National Basis of a Sociology Without Borders”  
Andrea Borghini, University of Pisa  

“Italian Industrial Districts: The Tuscany Experience”  
Sofia Capuano, University of Pisa  

“Social Resources in the Global Age: The Concept of Social Capital”  
Stefania Milella, University of Pisa  

“And Yet It Moves’: Civic Society in South Italy”  
Ferdinando Spina, University of Pisa  

Session 7: Activism and Power  
Saturday, May 20, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Presider/Discussant  
Anthony Julian Tamburri, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College  

“Contadini, Sowersivi, and Electors: Italian-American Radicalism and NYC Municipal Elections, 1936-47”  
Michele Rosa Clot, University of Pisa  

“The Marketing of Global Control”  
Valentina Cremonesini, University of Salento  

“Risk Communication: Public Opinion and Ecological Issues”  
Gabriele De Angelis, University of Pisa  

“Aspects of Socio-Spatial Inequalities in the Global City”  
Sonia Paone, University of Pisa
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