

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

*“The More Things Change: U.S. Response to Past and Present
Immigrants”*

Paul Magro, Marywood University

“Possibility and Insecurity in the European Knowledge Society”

Gerardo Pastore, University of Pisa

Session 2: Work and Politics

Friday₁ 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

Saturday₁ 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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