



MEDIA BETWEEN CITIZENS AND POWER
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
23-24 June 2006
S.Servolo, Venice, Italy
(UPDATED AGENDA)

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

9.00-9.30 OPENING SESSION

Davide **Zoggia**, President of the Province of Venice
Massimo **Cacciari**, Mayor of the City of Venice
Mercedes **Bresso**, President of the Region of Piedmont, Italy
Mikhail S. **Gorbachev**, President of The World Political Forum

9.30-11.00 1st PLENARY SESSION: THE INFORMATION SOCIETY OPENING FOR DEMOCRACY, TRAPS FOR MANIPULATION

Introduces: Laura **Di Lucia Coletti**, Province of Venice Councillor in Charge of the Project "Provincia Etica", Italy

Chairman: Giulietto **Chiesa**, Member of the European Parliament, Columnist for La Stampa, Italy

Speakers: Gore **Vidal**, Writer and Essayist, USA
Shashi **Tharoor**, UN Under Secretary General for Communication and Public Information, India
Manuel **Castells Olivàn**, Professor of Communication and Wallis Annenberg Chair in Communication Technology and Society at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California-Los Angeles, Spain
Lamberto **Maffei**, Director of the Institute of Neurosciences at the CNR (National Research Center), Italy

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-12.30 2nd PLENARY SESSION: ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION. PROMISES, GUARANTEES, REALITY

Chairman: Francisco **Jarauta**, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Murcia, Spain
Speakers: Jean **Reveillon**, Secretary General of EBU (European Broadcasting Union), France

Eric **Alterman**, Professor of English at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, Media Columnist for The Nation, USA
Ignacio **Ramonet**, Editor-in-Chief of Le Monde Diplomatique, France
Saskia **Sassen**, Ralph Lewis Professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago, and Centennial Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics, USA
Claudia **Padovani**, Researcher in International Relations at the University of Padova, Italy
Aleksi **Simonov**, President of The Glasnost Protection Foundation, Russia

12.30-13.30 General Debate

13.30-14.00 Press Conference and Interviews

14.00-15.30 Lunch

15.30-18.30 3 Parallel workshops

MEDIA AS POLITICAL ACTOR: OBSERVER, MEDIATOR, PUBLIC SERVANT?

Chairman: Bernard **Guetta**, Political Columnist and Editorial Writer of L'Express, France

Speakers: John **Lloyd**, Essayist, Editor of the Financial Times Magazine, United Kingdom

Ennio **Remondino**, Journalist RAI, Italy
Indrajit **Banerjee**, Secretary-General of AMIC (Asian Media Information and Communication Center), Singapore
Roberto **Reale**, Journalist and Professor of Theories and Technics of Television Information at the University of Padova, Italy
Maurizio **Torrealta**, *RAI/NEWS24*, Italia

THE INDEPENDENT PRESS UNDER PRESSURE. THE PRICE OF SURVIVAL

Chairman: Henrikas **Iouchkiavitchious**, former Deputy Director General of UNESCO in charge of Media, Lithuania
Speakers: Johann **P. Fritz**, IPI (International Press Institute) Director, Austria
Anna Maria **Longo**, Journalist RADIORAI2, Italia
Daniel **Schechter**, Executive Producer MediaChannel, USA
Daniel **Vernet**, Editor-in-Chief Foreign Affairs Section of *Le Monde*, France
Andrea **Di Stefano**, Director of the monthly magazine Valori, Italy

GLOCAL WORLD MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY

Chairman: Piero **Bassetti**, President of Globus et Locus, Italy
Speakers: Fausto **Colombo**, Professor of Theories and Technics of Mass Communication at the Cattolica University of Milan, Italy
Pekka **Himanen**, Professor at the University of Art and Design of Helsinki and Visiting Professor at Oxford University, Finland
Serge **Latouche**, Sociologist, Professor Emeritus at the University of Paris-Sud, France

21.00 Gala Dinner- Palace Vendramin Calergi (Casinò of Venice)

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

9.30-10.30 PLENARY SESSION: CONNECTING PEOPLES. EXERCISE IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Introduces: Laura **Di Lucia Coletti**, Province of Venice Councillor in Charge of the Project "Provincia Etica"

Chairman: Roberto **Savio**, Chair of IPS (International Press Service), Italy
Speakers: Juan Luis **Cebrian**, Founder of El Pais and CEO of the Grupo Prisa, Spain
Franco **Cardini**, Professor of Medieval History at the University of Florence, Italy
Shibley **Telhami**, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, USA
Valerio **Pellizzari**, Journalist Il Messaggero, Italy

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-12.00 Chairman: Andrei **Grachev**, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum, Russia

Speakers: Paolo **Gentiloni Silveri**, Minister for Communication, Italy
Adam **Michnik**, Editor-in-Chief of Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland
Marie-Roger **Biloua**, President of the Groupe Africa International and of the Club Millenium, France
Ulysse **Gosset**, CEO and Member of the Board of the French International News Channel, France
Imad **El Atrache**, Editor-in-Chief Al Jazeera Network for Europe

12.00-13.30 Debate and Conclusions

Davide **Zoggia**, President of the Province of Venice

13.30 Lunch

19.00 Concert of Pavel Vernikov, S. Servolo

21.00 Final Dinner Palace Vendramin Calergi