

TIME IS RUNNING SHORT FOR WORLD GOVERNANCE

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Twenty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall the world looks with bewilderment at an unexpected scenario of general disorder, and observers realize that, despite its benefits, globalization exacerbates problems and crises worldwide to countries both large and small, albeit with different intensity and urgency.

Yet, “no country is an island,” to paraphrase John Donne. Today no longer do political, economic or legal walls shelter countries from contagion, as time and space have been superseded, or made relative, by technology to unify the world. Still, “unify” does not mean “unite,” and as it happens in difficult times, the call for a world order is heard from all sides. Awareness is growing everywhere, and at all levels, that stability depends on new rules, on a compact that may lead to a widely accepted system of governance, or at least to a method that ensures progress and evolution, prevents unrest and handles severe crises.

Moving the disjointed players through the uncharted waters of a multi-polar world requires clear vision and leadership: is this too much to ask of world leaders? In this troubled time a modest, phased approach to working together would be more realistic than loud proclamations, grand designs and muscle flexing. Provided trust and political engagement underpin the endeavor. Time running short, this talk will suggest a few ideas for the transformation of an existing multilateral body—the G8 that survived its years of glory—into a consultation and joint decision making structure where the major world players can be effective stakeholders in the system.

AMBASSADOR FERDINANDO SALLEO

Ferdinando Salleo is Former Ambassador of Italy to the United States (1995-2003). He also served as Italy’s Ambassador to the Soviet Union (1989-1993) and to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (1986-1988), and was Development, Economic, and Political Director and Secretary General in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Born in Messina, Italy on October 2, 1936, Ambassador Salleo earned his degree in Classical studies in Rome, 1959 and a law degree at Saint Thomas University in Miami, USA. He was visiting professor of Development Policy at the University of Florence (1983-1984) and full professor of Theory of International Relations at LUISS University, Rome (1985-1986).

Ambassador Salleo was a distinguished member of the Italian Foreign Service from 1960-2003. His foreign assignments included New York as Deputy Consul General, embassies in Prague as DCM, Washington, D.C. as Political Counsellor, Bonn as Minister. In Italy he was Head of NATO Department, Director General of the Department for Development Cooperation, Director General of Economic Affairs, Director General of Political Affairs, and Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry.

He is currently deputy chairman of the Board at Mediocredito Centrale (MCC), Rome (Unicredit Group). Ambassador Salleo is an editorial page contributor for *La Repubblica*, Rome. His publications include *Teoria delle Relazioni Internazionali* 1985, *Diario Fotografico del Marchese di San Giuliano*, 1984 and *Albania: Un Regno per Sei Mesi*, 2000.

ROBERT & MARIA EVANS

Robert and Maria Evans have had a long and distinguished affiliation with the Bologna Center. Robert (Bob) first came to Bologna as a student in 1959, the fourth class after the school was founded by C. Grove Haines. He met his wife, Maria, a *bolognese*, while he was a student here. He then went on to become Haines' assistant from 1962-1964 and served as Director of the Bologna Center from 1992-2003.

Dr. Evans obtained a degree from l'Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris, a diploma from the SAIS Bologna Center, an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver. He taught at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Virginia—where he was also chairman of the Department of International Relations—and at the Foreign Service Institute of the U.S. Department of State. His research focused on Italy. He authored *Coexistence: Communism and its Practice in Bologna 1945-1965*, and *Life and Politics in a Venetian Community*, as well as numerous articles on Italian local and regional administration and on Italian elections.

During Bob's tenure as Director, both he and Maria worked tirelessly for the good of the Center. Under his tutelage the endowment grew, relations with the Bologna community were solidified, and the number of resident faculty was increased. As the longest serving director since its founder, C. Grove Haines, about one third of Bologna Center alumni were students during Bob's time here. Bob and Maria Evans, through their warmth, wisdom and devotion to the Bologna Center, left it changed and improved.



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