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Dr. Luigi Ferri

CONFLICTS OF POST-MODERN ITALY FEBRUARY 17, 2010, LSC CONFERENCE ROOM, 7:30PM

Please come and join us as Dr. Luigi Ferri, Visiting Assistant Professor of Italian at JCU, as part of the Bishop Pilla Lecture Series 2009-2010, on February 17, 2010 discusses “Conflicts of Post-Modern Italy”.

In his lecture, Dr. Ferri will touch on how politics shapes the debate on immigration, the role of women in politics, the complex political situation, and the function of the media in today’s Italian political system.

In his presentation, he will analyze the current cultural-socio-political issues, and how these are interpreted and often exploited by the media.

The presentation will begin with an excursus summarizing the changes that took place in the Italian political panorama from the birth of the Italian Republic (1946) to the present days, in which the political spectrum appears to be almost equally divided into two major coalitions—the so called *Centro Destra* (Center Right) and *Centro Sinistra* (Center Left)—proposing to the electoral body very different political-

ideological approaches.

The talk will also focus on the frequent use—by political analysts—of the term “second republic:” what does this definition mean? Which are the differences between the “first” and the “second” republic? And why are some commentators presently talking about a “third republic?” Prof. Ferri will answer these questions discussing the previous political system, made of many parties which led Italy for about 40 years, and how it transformed into the present day’s system.

Furthermore, the lecture analyzes the relationship between the media and Italian politics, and how the former presently shapes the cultural and political environment of the country.

Specifically, Prof. Ferri will delineate the current media culture in Italy, and how media critics believe that journalists have lost the critical ability to search for true news, and how what they currently report is merely politically bound press-releases.

For example, Monsignor Dionigi Tettamanzi, Cardinal of Milan, has shown concerns about this very topic. He feels that political institutions in Italy are losing themselves in corruption, political aggressiveness, and the wrong use of mass-media. He calls for a renewed relationship between mass-media and institutions: one that shows respect, fairness and correctness. This renewed relationship would guarantee mutual respect.

The talk will take place in the D. J. Lombardo Students Center LSC Conference Room, at 7:30pm.

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