

47TH ANNIVERSARY
Gala



OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL
2500 CALVERT STREET NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Senate Room)

NIAF Registration and Information Center
Pick up your weekend schedule here!



NIAF Forum

Discover Italy's endless contributions to the contemporary world at the NIAF Forum! Learn more about Italy's role in transatlantic commerce with Luiss University and the Transatlantic Investment Committee; understand what makes Italy the second largest manufacturing country in Europe with ItalyUntold; plan a once in a lifetime trip to Italy with Perillo Tours; and explore the importance of Italy-US relations with the European House Ambrosetti. All the NIAF Forum seminars are free and open to the public, and a way for Italians and Italophiles to connect with the Bel Paese.

Check <https://www.niaf.org/events/47th-anniversary-gala-weekend-schedule/> for scheduling updates.

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
(Ambassador Ballroom)



Luiss America Foundation Launch

Italy's top private university, Luiss Guido Carli is excited to celebrate the launch of the newly founded Luiss America Foundation. The Luiss America Foundation aims to encourage collaboration between Italy and the United States through commerce, international relations, and law. To commemorate the occasion, the celebration will culminate in the Luiss America Foundation pledging two scholarships, to be administered by NIAF, for one Italian American undergraduate student and one Italian American graduate student to attend Luiss University.

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Medical Conference: Italian and American Perspectives on Cancer Care

The Sbarro Health Research Organization (SHRO), the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), and the Giovan Giacomo Giordano Foundation will host a medical conference focusing on oncological research collaboration between Italy and the United States and the particular challenges of providing cancer care to underprivileged communities.

**This event is FREE and open to the public; for more information email tuc64806@temple.edu*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(Executive Room)



The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and the Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA) are excited to present the top three grant finalists for The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum, an initiative to fund films depicting and exploring the Italian American experience for the benefit of future generations. Join us in viewing all three film projects, moderated by Taylor Taglianetti, Founder and President of the National Organization of Italian Americans in Film and Television (NOIAFT). The winner will be announced during the gala dinner.

Leaving the Factory by **Alessia Crucitelli and Andrew Levay**, focuses on the mistreatment of Italian immigrant women factory workers, and their struggle to overcome oppression.

Rossi & Company by **Agata De Santis**, explores the history of the 112-year-old Italian American gift shop in NYC's Little Italy, and the struggle its 71-year-old proprietor is having to keep its storied doors open.

Defending the Peninsula by **Charles Vincent Sabba**, investigates how Italian Americans in law enforcement work with Italian law enforcement to protect the artistic and cultural patrimony of Italy's 70% share of the world's great art.

**This event is FREE and open to the public.*

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
(Ambassador Ballroom)



CONFINDUSTRIA



Doing Business within the Transatlantic Community

Join Luiss University and the Transatlantic Investment Committee for a stimulating discussion regarding the unique aspects of doing commerce across the Atlantic. The panel will examine the synergy between national universities and national business associations such as the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy and Confindustria and the pivotal role that their collaboration plays in the transatlantic market. Initially thought to be only an American-Italian endeavor, this important discourse will form the foundation of a new training model for the business community that will be launched in 2023 with the help of top business schools in Europe and America.

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Italian American Reputation Lab - 2022 Report

We the Italians in conjunction with Zwan has established the Italian American Reputation Lab (IARL), an initiative to monitor and assess the reputation values of Italy and Italian Americans within the United States of America, with the goals to reveal trends and data related analysis. For 2022, the three topics covered in the report will be:

- Overview of how the United States perceives Italy;
- Overview of how the United States and Italy perceive Italian Americans;
- The reputation of Christopher Columbus in different countries of the world

**This event is FREE and open to the public.*

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(Diplomat Ballroom)



Italy's Untold Excellences: The Mission of ItalyUntold

Italy is a very well-known Country in the world. But for what? For its beauty, its art, its fashion, and food. No question about that. However, too few people know that Italy is the second largest manufacturing Country of Europe; that Italy has one of the most advanced robotics, aerospace, and shipbuilding industries in the World, etc. That's why the Think Tank ItalyUntold, was created. This session will talk about some Italian excellences, by involving speakers working in those sectors, which make Italy a Country much more advanced and better than it is commonly perceived: an Italy beyond perception.

**This event is FREE and open to the public.*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(Ambassador Ballroom)



Victoria J. Mastrobuono Education Luncheon featuring General Jack Keane

The United States is facing global security challenges on a scale not seen since the end of the Cold War. Authoritarian states are more repressive at home and more aggressive abroad, displaying a willingness to challenge, confront and undermine the United States. The United States must scale up to meet these challenges with a comprehensive whole of government approach in cooperation with allies and partners including Italy. Join NIAF for a special luncheon featuring remarks by keynote speaker, General Jack Keane. General Keane is a foreign policy and national security expert who has advised presidents, vice presidents, presidential candidates, cabinet members, senior government officials and members of Congress, all from both political parties and provides strategic advice to CEOs in the private sector.

**This is a TICKETED EVENT; for more information visit www.niaf.org/events/niaf-47th-anniversary-gala/*

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PERILLO TOURS

Perillo Tours Taking NIAF Clients to Italy and Beyond

No one knows Italy better than Perillo Tours. We pioneered travel to Italy since 1945 and have hosted more guests than any other American travel company. Perillo is the leading provider of ITALY. From the major cities to the charming hill towns off the beaten path, Perillo's itineraries have been honed and crafted since 1945. We offer villas, car rentals, private tours and drivers... A to Z Italy Travel! Come join Steve Perillo (CEO of Perillo Tours) and Mina Amendola as they share what to do in Italy and how Perillo Tours can take you there! Learn about traveling to Hawaii, Spain and now Greece as well. Traveling is back and we want to get you there and offer you a special NIAF discount!

**This event is FREE and open to the public.*

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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The European House
Ambrosetti

The Strategic Importance of Italy-US Relations in the Changing Geopolitical Scenario

Italy has proven to be an important historical partner of the US, playing a crucial role in guaranteeing transatlantic security and Western values. Today, Italy is a major military power and one of the most active members of NATO, with a first-rate defense industry and a strong vocation for peacebuilding and peacekeeping missions. In addition, the country holds leadership in crucial sectors for the geo-strategic value chains of the 21st century, from robotics to energy, green technologies, space. All this will be further strengthened by the €200 billion National Recovery and Resilience Plan—the largest investment plan since WWII – that Italy will deploy by 2026. In the ongoing great-power competition process, which poses serious threats to the Western-shaped international system, Italy and the US share a fundamental common interest in valuing their special relation forged by two centuries of societal cross-fertilization. A secure and beneficial re-globalization can result from a reinforced US-Italy cooperation, through a greater integration in the industries of the future (from sustainability to space), to a closer partnership in building new value chains in high-potential areas such as Africa, and a stronger military and intelligence cooperation.

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5:30 p.m.

CAMPARI GROUP

Campari Aperitivo

Cin cin! Start your evening Italian-style with a pre-dinner cocktail sponsored by Campari. The special aperitivo menu features the Aperol Spritz, Negroni, Campari Soda and Limonata.

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NIAF 47th Anniversary Awards Gala

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

NIAF After Hours Celebration

Untie your bowtie after the Gala and join in the most famous Italian party in America, featuring music and dessert with your fellow Italian Americans. This is a celebration NOT to be missed!