

**Coffee Break (12.20 pm - 12.30 pm)**

**II SESSION (12.30 pm - 1.45 pm)**

**Prof. Igor Maksimtsev** - Rector of St Petersburg State University of Economics (Russian Federation)

**Prof. Emilio Marin** - Vice Rector of the Catholic University of Croatia (Croatia)

**Prof. Ibrahim Matar** - Coordinator of the Palestinian Universities of RIS (Palestine)

**Prof. Barak Medina** - Rector of Hebrew University (Israel)

**Prof. Aleksandra Nikolic** - Vice Rector of University of Sarajevo (Bosnia Herzegovina)

**Prof. Pinto Paixão** - Vice Rector of University of Lisboa (Portugal)

**Prof. Giacomo Pasini** - Rector Delegate of University of Venice Cà Foscari (Italy)

**Prof. Gilles Pecout** - Recteur de l'Académie de Paris et de la Région académique Île-de-France (France)

**Prof. Luca Pietromarchi** - Rector of University Roma Tre (Italy)

**2.00 pm Lunch**

**III SESSION (3.00 pm - 4.10 pm)**

**Prof. Gordana Ilic Popov** - Vice Rector of University of Belgrade (Serbia)

**Prof. Stefano Scarpetta** - Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD Paris (France)

**Prof. Esther Souto** - Vice Rector of the National Distance Education University (UNED) (Spain)

**Prof. Carmen Summut** - Pro Rector of University of Malta (Malta)

**Prof. Svein Stølen** - Rector of University of Oslo (Norway)

**Prof. Eva Wiberg** - Rector of University of Goteborg (Sweden)

**Prof. Wojciech Zyzak** - Rector of University John Paul II - Krakow (Poland)

**4.10 pm CLOSING REMARKS:**

**Prof. Giuseppe Novelli** - Rector of Roma Tor Vergata (Italy)

**Msg. Lorenzo Leuzzi** - Bishop of Teramo (Italy)

**PARTICIPANTS**

**Prof. Nabil Ayoub** - President of the American University of Madaba (Jordan)

**Prof. Leonardo Becchetti** - Professor of Political Economy, University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)

**Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva** - Coordinator Rectors Conference in Villa Mondragone (Italy)

**Dr. Leonardo Carmenati** - Director - Italian Agency Development Cooperation (Italy)

**Prof. John Charmley** - Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Academic Strategy St. Mary University Twichnham London (UK)

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## 8 NOVEMBER 2018 OPENING SESSION

**6.00 pm Opening Session Palace (XV Symposium of University Professors) - Palace of Lateran (Holy See)**

**Welcome: Cardinal Angelo De Donatis** - Pope's Vicar of Rome (Holy See)

**Lectio Magistralis: Prof. Pierluigi Nicotera** - Director of the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) Bonn, Germany - **Prof. Luca Serianni** - Professor of History of the Italian Language - Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

## 9 NOVEMBER 2018 - DRAFT PROGRAM

**Villa Mondragone - University of Rome Tor Vergata - Monte Porzio Catone (RM)**

### GLOBAL CHALLENGES, CULTURAL CHANGES AND SOCIAL INNOVATION: A NEW MISSION FOR UNIVERSITIES ?

#### 9.00 am WELCOME

**Prof. Giuseppe Novelli** - Rector of Roma Tor Vergata (Italy)

*Welcoming the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 concerning the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the related 169 Targets, which will stimulate action over the next 15 years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet; Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda, based on the principle of "universality", marks a shift in the economic and political relationships between developing, emerging and developed countries, all called to contribute to the effort aimed at meeting the Goals and the Targets; Welcoming the call made by the 2030 Agenda for the design of a new international cooperation policy based on the concept of "enhanced global partnership" and the mobilisation of*

*all citizens, stakeholders, business and policy makers; Recognising that Universities play a crucial role in the education of current and future leaders, in the development of theoretical and applied research, whose results can be vital to achieve sustainable development, as well as in knowledge sharing within societies and in promoting social innovation; **Call upon all Academic and Scientific Institutions** to work for a creation and the preservation of full conditions whereupon no academic institution, scientist and student whatsoever will be discriminated against and all will have full and free access in the pursuit of their academic activities, whether on national, regional or international level; Call for facilitation and renewal of exchange of students and scholars among the academic and scientific institutions, proceeding in a sincere, immediate and continuous cooperation with the respect and tolerance for cultural values and beliefs on the real and prompt reconciliation in the crisis areas; Promote the knowledge about the 2030 Agenda among students, academic and research communities and territories where they operate;*

#### OPENING REMARKS

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**Amb. Giorgio Marrapodi** - Director General for Development Cooperation Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Italy)

#### KEYNOTE SPEECH

*"Social and environmental challenges of globalization.  
A vision and some ideas for sustainable solutions"*

**Prof. Leonardo Becchetti** - Professor of Political Economy, University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)

#### 10.30 am OPEN DISCUSSION

**MODERATOR: Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva** - Coordinator Rectors Conference in Villa Mondragone (Italy)

#### DISCUSSANTS

*One of the basic challenges of the 21st Century is assuring international peace and fostering development, in the light of the new World balance. Today, there are problems that can only be solved by action at the global level. New strategic thinking is required to approach global issues and advance "global public goods". Consequently, international communities must become protagonists of a new strategy to intervene in crisis areas and to promote peace, human rights and development with a strategy based on realistic and effective foreign common policy. Such a strategy must include the collaborative efforts of diplomatic, economic and peace forces actions, while being rooted in the common goal of development of a strong cooperation culture of solidarity capable of understanding local needs and providing quick and efficient solutions that are at once professional and respectful of human dignity. Such a strategy must rely on cultural expertise and include expert knowledge of the theoretical elements of crisis and development management and the capability to understand the real comprehensive needs of the populations, and their historical and cultural roots in order to give effective answers to them, and to promote peace and development even in the first phases of the interventions (**Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva** - MD PhD - Coordinator of Rectors Conference in Villa Mondragone).*

#### I SESSION (10.30 am - 12.20 pm)

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