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IN-PERSON EVENT

11:00-13:00 CET

Room Europa, Office of the European Parliament,
Piazza Venezia 11, Stair C, 2° Floor - Rome, Italy

The Future of European Centre-Right

Book Launch:

Christian Democracy, Conservatism and the Challenge of the Extremes

ABOUT THE EVENT

Drawing on contributions from leading politicians, policymakers and scholars, the volume *Christian Democracy, Conservatism and the Challenge of the Extremes*, published by Rubbettino, examines the defining features and strategies of the Christian Democratic and conservative traditions, exploring their contemporary relevance and compatibility. Particular attention is devoted to the role of the European People's Party, which is called upon to serve as a bridge between different political cultures.

The authors reflect on the major political challenges facing the European centre-right today, beginning with the rise of the radical right and its impact on democracy, European integration and transatlantic relations. The volume makes a clear case for reaffirming the foundations of Christian democracy and conservatism, starting with support for European unity.

This Italian edition is the result of a collaboration between the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, the Fondazione De Gasperi, the Istituto Luigi Sturzo, the circolo culturale Esperia and the Fondazione Santo Marino.

The discussion will explore the key themes addressed in the book, providing an opportunity to consider the future of European politics, the strategies of the centre-right and its role in safeguarding the continent's democratic stability.

PROGRAMME

11:00 - 11:30 Registration and Coffee

11:30 - 11:35 Welcoming Remarks

11:35 - 11:50 Introduction

11:50 - 13:00 Discussion

SPEAKERS

Carlo Corazza

Head of the Office of the European Parliament in Italy

Antonio Polito

Columnist, Corriere della Sera

Gaetano Quagliariello

Dean, Luiss School of Government

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