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CASA ITALIANA ZERILLI-MARIMÓ at NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



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## **“Does Italy STILL matter to the world?”**

Contrasting the prevailing narrative of decline, lack of opportunities and fleeing talents, a tale of another Italy, with a vibrant start-up sector, producing great industrial innovation.

*A panel discussion with:*

**Amb. Ronald Spogli**, Former U.S. Ambassador to Italy and Co-Founder of Freeman Spogli & Co.

**Fernando Napolitano**, President and CEO of Italian Business and Investment Initiative.

**Maurizio Molinari**, U.S. Correspondent, La Stampa and author of (noteworthy) "Italians of New York", Rizzoli.

Moderated by: **Gianluca Galletto**, Co-Founder, PINYC - Professionisti Italiani a New York

CASA ITALIANA ZERILLI-MARIMÓ at  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
24 WEST 12TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011  
7:00 PM Tuesday, February 14th, 2012



## About the panel:

**Ronald Spogli** is the former United States Ambassador to the Italian Republic and to the Republic of San Marino. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 30, 2005 and served until February 6, 2009. In 2008, he received the Sue M. Cobb Award for Exemplary Diplomatic Service, the only honor given by the State Department to a political appointee ambassador.

In 1983, together with Bradford M. Freeman, Ambassador Spogli founded Freeman Spogli & Co., one of the leading private equity investors in the United States, based in Los Angeles and with offices in New York.

As a result of his university and life experiences, Ambassador Spogli is a champion of international studies and a dedicated supporter of his alma mater, Stanford University, where he has endowed two university positions: the Gesue and Helen Spogli Professorship in Italian Studies and The Spogli Family Overseas Study Director position at the Florence, Italy campus. Together with his business partner and friend, Bradford M. Freeman, he endowed The Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), Stanford University's primary center for rigorous and innovative research on major international issues and challenges. Ambassador Spogli served on the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board from 2002 until 2005.

**Fernando Napolitano** is a prominent Italian businessman and a veteran of Booz Allen. He is a champion of Italy's robust SME and start-up sector, and a strong believer in the strength of the Italian industrial sector and in the fact that Italy matters to the world. He founded Italian Business & Investment Initiative and very recently moved to New York with the objective to promote Italian entrepreneurship and industrial innovation with top U.S. venture capitalists, private equity firms, policy makers, and key opinion leaders. Mr. Napolitano is a Board member of Enel and an Advisory Board member of Innogest, Italy's largest venture capital fund. He is also Chairman of Fulbright BEST (Business Exchange and Student Training), a scholarship program sponsored by the American Embassy in Rome and managed by the Fulbright Commission aimed at Italian PhD students in science and technology that promotes the advancement of innovative entrepreneurship. He graduated in Economics from the University of Naples, holds an MSc in Management from Brooklyn Polytechnic, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He currently serves as a columnist for Panorama-Economy, the leading Italian business magazine, and is the co-author of the book, "Megacommunities: How Leaders of Government, Business and Non-Profits Can Tackle Today's Global Challenges Together."

**Maurizio Molinari** is U.S. correspondent of the Italian national daily newspaper La Stampa. Prior he was the EU correspondent in Brussels and the diplomatic correspondent in Rome. He is author of several books, including *Obama's Country* and the most recent *Italians of New York*, an insight on the biggest Italian city of the U.S. and on noteworthy Italians living there. His thesis is that «There's one element distinguishing the Italians in the Big Apple: the belief that everything is truly possible if you knuckle down. For the simple reason that "We're hardworking people"». He comments for Rai, Sky News, Mediaset and La7 on Foreign Policy and U.S. events. He has interviewed leaders and policy makers such as George W. Bush, Laura Bush, Ban Ki-moon, Kofi Annan, Condoleezza Rice, Paul Wolfowitz, Madeleine Albright, Henry Kissinger, the Saudi King Abdullah, Muammar Qadhafi, Tareq Aziz, Ali Akbar Velayati, Kamal Karrazi, Ali Akbar Nateq Nuri, Benjamin Netanyahu, Shimon Peres, Elie Wiesel, Yasser Arafat, Abdullah Ocalan, Javier Solana, Hugo Chavez, Rogrigo Rato and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

**Gianluca Galletto** is a co-founder of Professionisti Italiani a New York. Gianluca has spent most of his career in finance and economics and has been an advocate of Italian business and culture in New York. He is Vice President and COO of Italian Business and Investment Initiative, and a partner of Zago, a branding and strategy firm based in New York and Rio de Janeiro. He is also a seed investor in the advisory firm Roubini Global Economics. Prior to starting his own practice, he worked with Muzinich & Co, an investment firm based in New York and London, from 1998 and 2009, where he was the Director of Business Development. Mr. Galletto is a former Fulbright scholar and holds a Degree in Economics from Bocconi University and a Master's in International Economics from Yale University, where he also collaborated on research projects. He is a co-founder and editor of the online magazine iMille.org, and a contributor on economics and U.S. politics to the Italian national daily l'Unità and has contributed to a number of media outlets, including CNBC (U.S.) and RAI.

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### About PINYC:

PINYC (a.k.a. PIN) is a group of Italian and Italian-interested professionals, entrepreneurs and researchers of NYC and its surrounding areas of NY, NJ, and CT who wish to organize, promote and participate in networking opportunities, both social and professional. PINYC members are committed to bring their contribution to enhance the dynamic network of Italian professionals who live in the Tri-State area, create new relationships with Italy, and strengthen the already existing ones. More specifically, PIN's mission is: to Connect Italian professionals in and around the Tri-State area; Facilitate collaboration among members; Connect professionals from Italy with Italian and international counterparts in and around the Tri-State area; Organize cultural events relevant to the Italian community; Promote Italian heritage.

