

Christianity and Society Chair  
Pontificia Università della Santa Croce

# Workshop

Contributing to  
the common good



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# The common good helps balance individual and community interests for the greater good

The common good is not just about having what you need to live comfortably. More importantly, it includes how people interact with each other. When society only cares about providing welfare benefits or being indifferent towards others, it's hard for individuals to improve themselves. In the first case, the relationships between people that make up the common good are replaced by the state, leading to collectivism. In the second case, focusing only on one's own success can lead to individualism that harms the common good. This workshop focuses on the dialogue among political and economic leaders about possible solutions to these issues.

*"In the context of your professional responsibilities, everyone does your best, feels involved, takes share of responsibility, and contributes to the common good."*

**Pope Francis**



# Activities

## Wednesday 27th September

**09h30** | Audience with Pope Francis

**13h00** | Lunch

**15h00** | Hon. Patty L'Abbate - Chamber of Deputies, Ecological Economics  
*Human development in dialogue with integral ecology*

**16h00** | Dr. Gigi De Palo - Fondazione per la Natalità  
*Popularize education for integral human development*

**17h00** | Coffee break

**17h30** | Hon. Lorenzo Malagola - Chamber of Deputies. Fondazione De Gasperi  
*The relevance of the common good in the company*

**18h30** | End

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## Thursday 28th September

**09h30** | Rev. Prof. Cristian Mendoza - Pontificia Università della Santa Croce  
*Responsibility and participation in the regeneration of the world*

**10h30** | Prof. Paolo Ciocca - LUISS School of Law. President of Open Fiber.  
*Technological revolution, security and free markets for the common good*

**11h30** | Coffee break

**12h00** | Rev. Prof. Giulio Maspero - Pontificia Università della Santa Croce  
*Liberalism 2.0: relational rights*

**13h00** | Lunch

**15h30** | Lord Brian Griffiths – Member of the House of Lords, UK Parliament. Former Senior Adviser in 10 Downing Street to Margaret Thatcher and Board Member at Goldman Sachs International. Author, *Morality and the Market Place, Creation of Wealth.*  
*How can we make the Common Good a practical reality in political life?*

**17h00** | Round table

**18h00** | End

**Workshop languages: Italian and English**  
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