



MONDAY, MARCH 16TH, AT 6:00 PM (VILLA LA PIETRA)

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*Politics and Dreams:
Obama's place in American political discourse*

The last U.S. electoral campaign will be long remembered for the great importance of its political speeches. President Obama's campaign has undoubtedly represented a milestone in political communication. In this talk, Prof. Spini will recall some of the recurrent themes and suggestions in President Obama's communication, highlighting the main convergences and differences from a specifically Italian perspective

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She has published various essays and chapters in collective books, amongst which the most recent are *European civil society, identity and legitimacy* in F. Cerutti, S. Lucarelli, eds., *European Union: Identity and Legitimacy*, London, Routledge, 2008; *Of Leviathan and other animals, Notes on European Identity*, in L. Leonardi, ed., *Sociology of Europe*, Firenze University Press, 2008; *Fra Valori e Interessi: la società civile in un mondo post nazionale*, in "Iride", anno 2008, n. 1; *Politica, Religión y Espacio Público* in "Claves de Razón Práctica", n. 185, Settembre 2008.

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