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Global Forum
“Higher Education for Diversity, Social Inclusion, and Community: A Democratic Imperative”

15-16 June 2017
at LUMSA University
Rome

Context: Democracy is faced with serious challenges, including mistrust of democratic institutions, increasing political, educational, and economic inequalities, alienation, rising intolerance, and rejection of cultural diversity. Higher education must play an essential role in building a culture of democracy based on furthering inclusion, recognizing the value of diversity, and fostering democratic communities.

This is the fifth global forum that has developed as a core component of the ongoing partnership between the Council of Europe and the International Consortium for Higher Education, Civic Responsibility and Democracy to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law, as well as social cohesion and intercultural dialogue through higher education. The 2017 Global Forum is sponsored by the Council of Europe; the International Consortium for Higher Education, Civic Responsibility and Democracy; the European Wergeland Centre; and the host universities, LUMSA University and Australian Catholic University-Rome Campus.

Outcomes of the Global Forum:
- An increased commitment to higher education’s contribution to developing and advancing a culture of democracy.
- A better understanding of how higher education can work democratically with communities to promote inclusion and diversity.
- A volume in the Council of Europe Higher Education Series

Schedule:
- 15-16 June. The Conference will include plenary sessions, group work, and a round table debate as well as a social program.

Participants: Higher education leaders and scholars and representatives of public authorities and NGOs from Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.