

VISION:

SCHOOL AS A PLACE OF HOPE AND COURAGE

The School of Economic and Social Policy (SPES) was established in 2013 as part of the educational efforts of the International Academy for Economic and Social Development (AISES). In 2022, it was named after Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the former President Emeritus of the Italian Republic, with the approval of his family.



SPES embodies the idea of a school as a place of "hope" and "courage," reflecting the free-thinking and enthusiastic spirit of the younger generations. It draws inspiration from the valuable lessons and exemplary character of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who consistently encouraged young people to remain determined and optimistic about the future. President Ciampi, known for his dedication to public service, famously stated, "You have the ability and responsibility to take charge of your lives and move forward, approaching the future with clear-eyed realism and hopeful determination. No challenge can hinder your belief that 'it is up to us'."

MISSION:

ENCOURAGING PATRIOTISM

Inspired by the noble spirit of our Risorgimento movement, our mission is to instill a profound love for our country while promoting the values of unity and dignity for all people, not only within Italy but also across Europe and humanity. We are dedicated to upholding the principles enshrined in the Republican Constitution, fostering a strong sense of commitment to freedom and the preservation of historical memory.

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi emphasized the inseparable connection between educating the younger generation and upholding the fundamental principles on which our Republic was founded: the freedom of citizens, the unity of our nation, and an unwavering love for our country. The School serves as a vital institution within our nation, acting as a cultural nursery that nurtures the future of Italy.



GOALS:

WE TRAIN TO REFORM INSTITUTIONS

In today's world, knowledge has become an essential foundation for economies and societies, driving growth and competitiveness through innovation and the quality of economic and social development.

In an ever-changing society, according to President Ciampi's thoughts: "We cannot escape the challenges that the history of the Twenty-first Century brings us".

In order to equip the younger generations to confront these challenges effectively, a new kind of educational institution is required. This institution must prepare them to responsibly fulfill their roles as citizens and encourage their active and creative involvement in an ever-evolving society.

These challenges demand a diverse set of tools that can only be provided through a continuous education system that adapts to ongoing changes and the demands of the labor market. The aim of SPES is to bring about a genuine transformation in our society by empowering young people to actively participate in institutional life. To achieve this, SPES offers access to high-quality training, including digitized educational systems and the Metaverse. These resources are not only geared towards preparing the younger generation for the future labor market, but also towards updating and retraining individuals in management roles across both the public and private sectors. By combining personal professional development with the concrete goals of organizations, SPES strives to create a positive impact on society as a whole.







ACTIVITIES:

TRAINIG AND RESEARCH

Economic and social policies, included in the Next Generation EU and PNRR programs, form the foundation for unleashing Italy's exceptional potential in key strategic areas: culture, digitalization, ecological transition, and social inclusion.

According to Ciampi's vision, educating the new generations and promoting technical and scientific research serve the collective interest: "Economic development is increasingly reliant on knowledge. The primary capital is human capital. You, young people, are its essence. Enhancing your professionalism is in everyone's best interest."

SPES aims to facilitate the development of skills for the benefit of the national system, in line with Ciampi's analysis, which states that "increasing the number and readiness of high school and college graduates enhances the value of the resources necessary to make Italy and Europe a more dynamic and competitive region."

To achieve these goals, we offer continuing education and training courses:

- We provide undergraduate and graduate master's programs, often in collaboration with Italian universities and/or other public or private entities.
- We conduct research and strategic analysis to support public institutions and the private sector on various topics, ranging from innovation to sustainable development.
- Our studies on the economic and geopolitical landscape assist public and private decision-makers in managing systemic risks and crises.
- We also establish research platforms and working groups dedicated to exploring strategic issues crucial to the country's competitiveness, such as digital and ecological transition within the framework of multilateral relations.







LEADERSHIP:

THE SCHOOL AS AN IDEAS' INCUBATOR AND TALENT MULTIPLIER

In times of crisis and significant transformations, Ciampi's vision appears to be forward-looking: "there are certain pivotal moments in history when it becomes more essential than ever to set in motion the driving force of young people, their ability to look beyond the confines of everyday life, and their daring and challenging planning."

SPES aims to position itself as a talent incubator, with the goal of transferring know-how and know-why of knowledge, fostering the birth of start-ups and the development of spin-offs with highly innovative content. Additionally, we strive to attract highly skilled individuals and leaders of outstanding caliber, while selecting new leaders with strong moral and civic commitment to serve both current and future generations.



To achieve these objectives, we foster a permanent platform that leverages ideas, projects, cultures, and knowledge within a framework of interactive sessions, where young individuals can engage with top executives, policy makers, and opinion leaders on a range of topics. This environment allows us to address pressing issues and drive tangible changes in the country.

PARTNERSHIP:

A BORDERLESS SPACE OF CULTURE AND KNOWLEDGE

We envision our School in line with Ciampi's ideal of "a place of choice for fostering the integration of diverse cultures, customs, and traditions, which is a prerequisite for coexistence based on respect for the dignity of every individual, rejecting all forms of exclusion and marginalization. It is an inclusive and welcoming coexistence that gives rise to an authentic community".

Aligned with the European Union's economic and social policies, our School aims to contribute to the establishment of a European research area and the development of trans-European networks.





Through an extensive network comprising universities, research centers, government institutions, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and international organizations, SPES promotes a multilateral approach and an open dialogue between cultures in the realms of education and science. We encourage participation in international projects and research groups through agreements that may include integrated courses and joint research programs.



Once again, Ciampi's timely reminder to young individuals echoes: "Italy will become what you are capable of making it. It is up to you to strengthen and beautify this homeland, the homeland for which so many of my fellow youths sacrificed their lives. Look upwards. Nurture hopes and plans. Give free expression to what is noble and generous, animating your minds and hearts. Above all, always maintain a sense of dignity within yourselves."



GOVERNANCE

The High Governing Board will carry out all tasks related to The SPES' mission by the annual drafting of guidelines for the higher education pathway.



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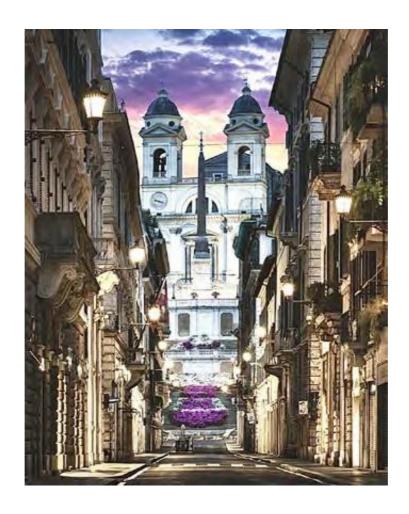


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