

Press release

Christian Democrat Internationalism: its action in Europe and worldwide from post-World War II until the '90s

The experience of Christian Democrat Internationalism in the XX Century

On September 28th, 2011, from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm, Istituto Luigi Sturzo will host an international workshop presenting a research project on Christian Democrat International movement, active in Europe and worldwide since the beginning of XX Century.

Among others, current Centrist Democrat International President Pier Ferdinando Casini, former CDI president Emilio Colombo, former President of Chile Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, and Roberto Mazzotta, President of Istituto Luigi Sturzo, will join the table.

During this time of debate over Christian Democrats' role in politics, the workshop represents an occasion of debate on the profile of Christian Democrat parties in Europe and worldwide and on their historical dimension, and can contribute starting a reflection for the future.

The project is promoted by Istituto Luigi Sturzo, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Centre for European Studies, and is aimed at reconstructing the history and documentation of the Christian Democrat Internationalism (CDI), in the occasion of its 50th anniversary, with particular reference to the European Christian Democrat parties that constituted EPP .

CDI, funded in Santiago del Chile in 1961 in order to carry on the post-World War II *Nouvelles Equipes Internationales* (NEI), gathered Christian Democrat inspired movements and parties, with the aim of promoting values, ideas and political projects and foster a shared international action.

The three years long project will feature documentary researches in Italy, Europe, Latina America and Africa, in public, private and parties archives, with focus on personalities and organizations that held a central role in the international activities.

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