



5th Annual Conference of the European SPES Forum



Respect and Economic Democracy

Catania (Italy), April 17-19, 2009

Palazzo Fortuna, Corso delle Provincie, 36 – Faculty of Economics

Programme

Aims of the fifth European SPES Conference:

- Defining the notion of respect as a key towards democratic entrepreneurship
- Exploring new practices of economic democracy
- Strengthening the European SPES network
- Launching new international workshops and activities

The Conference is hosted by the Department of Business, Culture and Society, Faculty of Economics, University of Catania.

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Friday, April 17

- 9.00 Spirit-moment and opening of the Conference
Luk Bouckaert (pres. European SPES)

Welcome by the Rector of the University of Catania, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and the Head of the Department of Business, Culture and Society

- 9.15 **The Economy of Respect**
Chair: Gianfranco Rusconi (Bergamo)

Pasquale Arena (Catania), The four leaf-clover of respect and the collectivity theory

Laszlo Zsolnai (Budapest), Respect for future generations

Tencati A. Pogutz ST. (Milano), Respect for Nature. The need for innovative business patterns

- 11.15 Coffee break

- 11.30 Two parallel sessions: Respect as an economic concept

- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Two parallel sessions: case studies on the economy of respect
- 15,20 Coffee break
- 16.00 **General meeting of the European SPES Forum**
- 20.00 **Conference dinner**

Saturday, April 18

- 9.00 Spirit moment
Laszlo Zsolnai (Budapest)
- 9.15 Economic democracy at work**
Chair: Suzan Langenberg (Hoeleden)
David Peat (Pari Center), Gentle Action. Bringing creative change to a turbulent world
Giorgio Muscarello (Palermo), The cooperative movement in Sicily
- 11,15 Coffee break
- 11.30 Two parallel sessions: Practices of economic democracy
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Two parallel sessions: Practices of economic democracy
- 15,20 Coffee break
- 16.00 **A World Café Session on Respect and Economic Democracy**
moderators: Jochanan Eynikel & Willem Sas
- 17.30 Closing the Conference

Sunday, April 19

Optional programme: a visit to Taormina