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Italy—150 Years Old (1861-2011)

Presented by Fred Sidon
Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20
1:30pm, Valle Verde Theater
900 Calle de los Amigos

As hard as it is to believe, Italy is a young country, younger than our own. Fred Sidon has generously offered to guide VISTAS Lifelong Learners through the maze of events that led to the birth of the nation we now know as Italy.

In our first session we will review Europe and the status-quo ante. Without delving on each and every event that took place prior, during and post the French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte, we will get a sense of what transpired and what inspired the nationalism on the peninsula. The second session will focus on the leading cast of characters whose involvement was key to the eventual nationhood. Some of these you will recognize, such as Napoleon III, Metternich, Victor Emmanuel II, Pope Pius IX, Garibaldi, but there were many others. The third and last session will cover the events that followed the 1814-15 Treaty of Vienna, the Austrian hegemony and the rebellious Italianism that led to the unification of the various states into the Italy of today.

Biography: Frederick R. Sidon, whilst not a historian, studied in Rome and knows a little about Italy. As president of Princeton Overseas Consulting Group, Inc. in Princeton NJ, a group specializing in corporate strategy, he has consulted all over the world and especially in Europe and Italy. He is very familiar with the various factions and regional differences in the Italian peninsula and will be able to discuss them with the audience. He speaks Italian, as well as French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Serbo-Croatian and, fortunately, English.



ENROLLMENT FORM: Italy—150 Years Old

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Please enroll by September 20

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No parking on Torino or Calle de los Amigos**

Suggested readings:

The scope of the topic is so broad as not to be able to suggest specific readings but some volumes cover certain aspects:

- Italy in the 19th Century*, by John A. Davis (Oxford University Press)
- Garibaldi and the Making of Italy*, by George M. Trevelyan
- The Risorgimento and the Unification of Italy*, Beales and Biagini
- Napoleon III and the Second Empire*, by Roger Price
- Europe, its condition and prospects*, Giuseppe Mazzini
- The Last days of Papal Rome*, Raffaele de Cesare (A.Constable & Co. London)
- The Leopard*, by G. Lampedusa
- The Betrothed*, by A. Manzoni

Suggested readings in Italian: *L'Italia del Settecento* , *L'Italia dei Giacobini e Carbonari*, and *L'Italia del Risorgimento* , Montanelli-Gervaso (Rizzoli publishers)

Any description of the lives of Pius IX, Camillo Benso Cavour, Victor Emmanuel II, King of Sardinia, or events leading to the unification of Italy would help to better follow the three sessions.



VISTAS Fall 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Violin Making/Concert	Sunday, Sept 18	2:00pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Sept 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Oct. 20	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Building an Opera, La Bohème	Mon, Oct 24	1:30PM	Valle Verde Theater
Harvard Justice Course (4)	Oct. 26, Nov. 2,9,16	9:30am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Documentary Club	Thurs, Nov 17	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
American Political Parties (2)	Thurs, Dec 1, 8	1:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Dec 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater



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