A semi-presidential regime may be defined as the situation where a popularly elected fixed-term president exists alongside a prime minister and cabinet who are responsible to parliament.

In particular the research object of the conference mainly analyses the cases in which a semi-presidential form of government is adopted or has been experienced.

Thus, the focus is on the relevance of Semi-Presidentialism in Europe and elsewhere, and it also stresses the perspectives for the Italian case.

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### Opening Session | (8:45 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.)

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### 15 April | Section 1 (9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M.)

**Semi-presidentialism in Western Europe**

Robert Elgie, Dublin City University, Ireland  
*Semi-presidentialism and its systemic performance*

Carlos Jalali, University of Aveiro, Portugal  
*A President for all seasons? The Portuguese case*

Fulco Lanchester, Sapienza University, Rome  
*The Semi-presidentialism and the Republic of Weimar*

Tapio Raunio, University of Tampere, Finland  
*Explaining the gradual decline of presidential powers in Finland*

**Discussants:** Stefano Ceccanti, Francesco Clementi, Gianluca Passarelli

### 15 April | Section 2 (11:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M.)

**Semi-presidentialism in Eastern Europe**

Vít Hloušek, Masaryk University, Czech Republic  
*Is the Czech Republic on her way to semi-presidentialism or not?*

Algis Krupavičius, Kauno T. Universitetas, Lithuania  
*A semi-presidentialism dilemma: presidential accountability vs. free-riding*

Erik Lastic, Comenius University, Slovakia  
*Office as an Opportunity: Presidents in Slovakia 1993-2013*

Oleh Protsyk, University of Flensburg, Denmark  
*Presidents and Cabinets in Post-Communist Countries*

**Discussants:** Nicola Catellani, Nicolò Conti, Nicoletta Di Sotto, Mara Morini, Fabio Serricchio, Sorina Soare

### 15 April | Section 3 (3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.)

**Semi-presidentialism ... Elsewhere**

Lydia Beuman, Dublin City University, Ireland  
*PR-PM Relations: Semi-presidentialism in Timor-Leste*

Aleksandr Markarov, Yerevan State University, Armenia  
*Semi-presidentialism in Armenia*

Sophia Moestrup, National Democratic Institute, USA  
*Semi-presidentialism: African Innovations*

Malkhaz Nakashidze, Batumi State University, Georgia  
*Semi-presidentialism in Georgia*

**Discussants:** Antonino Castaldo, Fortunato, Musella, Gabriele Natalizia, Gianfranco Pasquino, Nino Telia

### 16 April | Section 1 (9:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M.)

**Semi-presidentialism in Italy: Politics**

Marco Damilano, giornalista de l’Espresso  
*The Semi-presidentialism and the Republic of Weimar*

Stefano Ceccanti, Sapienza University, Rome  
Oreste Massari, Sapienza, University, Rome  
Gianfranco Pasquino, Jonhs Hopkins University, Bologna  
Giorgio Tonini, Senator, Democratic Party, Italy

### 16 April | Section 2 (11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.)

**Semi-presidentialism and Italy: Theory**

Fulco Lanchester, Sapienza University, Rome  
Maurizio Cotta, University of Siena, Italy  
Robert Elgie, Dublin City University, Ireland  
Piero Ignazi, University of Bologna, Italy  
Sofia Ventura, University of Bologna, Italy  
Luca Verzichelli, University of Siena, Italy