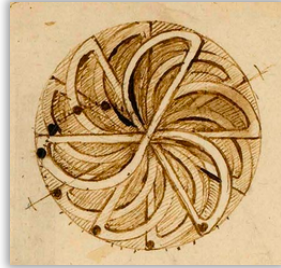




ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

COLLOQUIA ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY



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SPECIAL EVENT
WITH

H.E. HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

PRESS RELEASE

The *Colloquia* on Science Diplomacy organized by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the International Organizations and Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Italy, promotes the values of Diplomacy and Science in international relations as fundamental principles to be pursued in the *modus operandi* and the *modus vivendi* of modern society. In the *Colloquia* the most important personalities of world institutions and the presidents of the most prestigious academies will discuss various topics and future developments of interest for the international community.

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei is pleased to announce the Special Event, "Youth in Science Diplomacy" by H.E. Henrietta Holsman Fore, Executive Director of the United

Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which will take place at the *Colloquia* on September 27th, 2021, at 4 pm CEST.

Climate change will affect today's children, and future generations more than anyone. Despite being the least responsible for the devastating effects of a changing climate – like rising temperatures, famines and water insecurity – they are the most affected. Around the world, in the streets and online, children and young people are raising their voices and demanding urgent climate action. Yet they are consistently overlooked in the design and content of climate and water policies and related processes. This failure undermines children's right to be heard in the decisions and actions affecting them - a right codified in Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and recognized in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This year, UNICEF will release a new index that will clearly show the vulnerability of children to the impacts of climate change in each country on Earth. The index will also highlight the urgent actions and solutions that must be adopted to avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis for children and communities, and give all children the future they deserve. Above all, these actions and solutions must be designed and delivered in collaboration with those with the highest stakes in our planet's future: children and young people.

In her *Lectio Magistralis*, H.E. Henrietta Holsman Fore, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), will highlight the importance of acting on climate change for the sake of all children and future generations. She will also outline how the world can support children and young people as leaders and champions on this issue through education, enhanced opportunities to develop green skills, and participation in policy formulation so that their views and perspectives are heard and acted upon by individuals, institutions, organizations and governments.

The *Lectio Magistralis* of H.E. Henrietta Holsman Fore will be introduced by H.E. Plen. Min. Gianluca Alberini, Principal Director for the United Nations and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and will be followed by a Round Table, moderated by Prof. Wolfango Plastino, Chair of the *Colloquia* on Science Diplomacy, which will be attended by Prof. Hans Petter Graver, President of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters and Prof. Giorgio Parisi, former President of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

The event will be broadcasted live by Repubblica.it due to the media partnership of the GEDI publishing group with the newspaper la Repubblica - <https://video.repubblica.it/dossier/colloquia/youth-in-science-diplomacy/395918/396626>.

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