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A conference about the socio-economic impact that epidemics and pandemics may have will be held in Milan, October 27, with the collaboration of ASSET project. The event was inspired by the recent Ebola outbreak in West Africa, which brought significant consequences on the economic and social structures of the three countries involved by the epidemic.

In fact, social and economic issues may be triggered not only by the disease itself, but also by actions taken by supranational organization in order to fight it. Many questions arose about the policies to be adopted in similar cases and, most of all, about the undeniable conflict between individual habits and community needs.

During the conference, participants will discuss such a topic in a historical perspective, in order to draw relevant lessons from previous, similar events, like the SARS epidemic in 2003.

## **Programme**

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### **Apertura dei lavori**

Gianluca Vago, *Dean of the University of Milan*

Remo Danovi, *president of the Attorneys Orders of Milan*

**9.30 a.m.**

Livia Pomodoro, *president of the Fondazione Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale; president of ISPAC-International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme*

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**Session I: The epidemiological framework, West Africa situation**

*Moderator*

Paolo Vineis, *Chair in Environmental Epidemiology, Imperial College, London (tbc)*

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**• The epidemiological framework**

**10.00 a.m.**

Paola Testori Coggi, *Former General Director for Health and Consumers, European Commission*

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**• Lessons from the development of disease in West Africa**

**10.30 a.m.**

Jeremy Bowles, *Hub Economist, Country Programme, International Growth Centre, London, UK*

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**11.00-11.15 a.m.**

*Coffee Break*

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**Session II: Socio-economic effects**

*Moderator*

Giovanni Dosi, *Director of the Economy Institute of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (tbc)*

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- **Effects on Africa**

Mead Over, *Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington DC, USA (tbc)*

11.15 a.m.

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- **Effects on global economy**

Luigi Prosperetti, *Professor of Political Economy, University of Milan*

11.45 a.m.

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- **Social effects**

Alessia Melegaro, *Assistant Professor in Demography and Social Statistic, Bocconi University, Milan*

12.15 p.m.

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**Discussion**

12.45 p.m.

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1.00 p.m.

*Lunch*

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**Session III: Epidemic phenomena, individual rights, international rights**

*Moderator*

Amedeo Santosuosso, *president of the European Centre for Law, Science and New Technologies, University of Pavia (tbc)*

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2.00 p.m.

- **Epidemics and individual rights**

Wendy E. Parmet, *George J. and Kathleen Waters Matthews Distinguished University Professor of Law, Northeastern University, Boston, USA*

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2.30 p.m.

- **Epidemics and international rights**

Pia Acconci, *Associated Professor of International Right, University of Teramo*

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#### **Session IV: Institutional responses**

*Moderator*

Roberto Satolli, *Zadig, ASSET project*

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3.00 p.m.

- **Italian responses**

Raniero Guerra, *General Director of Health Prevention, Ministry of Health*

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3.30 p.m.

- **World Health Organization responses**

Roberto Bertollini, *Chief Scientist and WHO Representative to the European Union*

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4.00 p.m.

- **European Commission responses**

Paolo Guglielmetti, *Administrator and Policy Officer in the Health Threats Unit of the Directorate General of Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission*

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## Conclusions

4.30 p.m.

Guido Calabresi, *Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Former Dean, Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus, Yale Law School*

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