



Alumni Weekend 2011

13-16 October

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 13 October Alumni Career Event

Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana

10.00 to 12.00 European Institutions

Special guest: Steven Joseph, European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)

Alumni panel:

- Roman Arjona, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation
- Tobias Witschke, European Commission, DG for Regional Policy
- Levente Borzsak, European Parliament, DG Personnel

Chair: Sigfrido Ramirez, Alumni Association President

15.00 to 17.00 Think tanks, Consulting and EU Lobbying

Alumni panel:

- Jesse Scott, DemosEUROPA
- Luisa Chiodi, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso
- Paul Adamson, Editor in Chief E!Sharp
- Niraj Nathwani, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

Chair: Christof Armbruster, Alumni Association Secretary

20h00 Dinner for the alumni participating in the Career Event

Friday, 14 October

12h30 to 14h00 General Assembly of the Alumni Association – only for AA members
Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana

14h30 to 17h300 AA Conference “Europe’s Future”, Theatre, Badia Fiesolana

20h00 Dinner for the alumni participating in the AA conference, Lower Loggia, Badia Fiesolana

Saturday, 15 October

9h30 to 13h00 **AA Conference “Europe’s Future”, Theatre, Badia Fiesolana**

14h30 to 18h30 **Visit of Villa Petraia and the Garden of the Medici Villa of Castello**

Petraia is one of the most attractive of the Medici villas, both on account of its position in the Tuscan landscape, and for its fine pictorial decoration and the beauty of its garden and park.

<http://www.uffizi.firenze.it/english/musei/petraia/Default.asp?>

The Villa of Castello was one of the first villas outside Florence owned by the Medici, dating back to 1477. In July 2011, the garden was elected among the 10 most beautiful gardens of Italy.

<http://www.uffizi.firenze.it/english/musei/villacastello/Default.asp?>

A bus will bring us to Villa Petraia. The visit of Villa Petraia and its garden will be accompanied by an English speaking guide and will last around 40 minutes.

The garden of the Medici Villa of Castello may be visited of one’s own initiative.

The visit of both Villa Petraia and the garden of the Villa of Castello is free.

Meeting point/departure of the bus: Badia Fiesolana, 14h30

Return time (Florence Central Station Santa Maria Novella): around 18h30

Sunday, 16 October

10h00 to 12h00 **Guided visit to the Medici Chapels and the Cloister of San Lorenzo Church**

The Medici Chapels form part of a monumental complex developed in close connection with the adjoining church of S. Lorenzo, considered the "official" church of the Medici.

http://www.museumsinflorence.com/musei/Medici_chapels.html

Our guide is Laura Bechi, licenced city guide, who speaks English. The visit will last two hours.

The entrance fee is 6 Euro.

Meeting point and time: entrance of the Medici Chapels, Piazza di Madonna degli Aldobrandini, 6 at **10.00**