



Gruppo Esponenti Italiani

You are cordially invited to a GEI luncheon event on **Thursday, April 19 2022 - 12:30 PM**
at the Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue

Our guest speaker will be
AMBASSADOR MAURIZIO MASSARI
Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

Ambassador Maurizio Massari's diplomatic career began in 1985 in Rome at the Farnesina and immediately after in Russia as First Secretary at the Italian Embassy in Moscow. Later he was named First Political Counselor at the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C., from July 1998 to June 2001, dealing particularly with United States policy towards the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Western Balkans.

Prior to becoming the new Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations last year, Ambassador Massari, was the Italian Permanent Representative to the European Union in Brussels between June 2016 and April 2021.

Between 2013 and 2016, he was the Italian Ambassador to Egypt, after serving the previous year as Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Mediterranean and the Middle East. From 2009 to 2012 Ambassador Massari was Head of the Press Department and Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry and from 2003 to 2006, he was the Head of OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro.

Among his studies, in 2001, he earned a master's degree in international public policy from the Johns Hopkins University and previously, in 1998, a fellowship certificate from the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. Back in Italy, at the beginning of his studies, Ambassador Massari earned a political science degree from the Istituto Universitario Orientale in Naples, where he specialized in Eastern European affairs. He is also the author of books on political reforms in the Soviet Union under President Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev and on the post-communist Russian Federation.

Ambassador Maurizio Massari will engage in a conversation with Mario Platero.

Addressing the situation in Ukraine, the latest desperate pleas of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to the U.N. Security Council, asking to do more to stop the Russian invasion and killings; issues such the humanitarian crisis; the potential of War Crimes charges against President Vladimir Putin; the impact of the new sanction package on Russia; the roadmap for peace; the role of China at the UN and of other "non aligned countries" such as India; the potential for a new order after this war will be over. Ambassador Massari will also take a few questions from the attendees

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