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## THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

20 aprile 2018 - ore 11



PALAZZO CORSINI in una incisione di J. Barbault (1763)

ROMA - VIA DELLA LUNGARA, 10

ABSTRACT. - It is my claim that the Nobel Peace Prize is the most prestigious prize in the world, in spite of the fact that at times the prize has also been controversial. In my presentation, I will give an overall view of how the Peace Prize was established and its development throughout 116 years.

Alfred Nobel died in his villa in San Remo in 1896, his servants being his only company. It was a surprise when his will revealed that a vast amount of his fortune was donated to a fund for the establishment of 5 prizes in medicine or physiology, chemistry, physics, literature and international peace.

I will discuss the terms of Alfred Nobel's will and how it has been interpreted by different Peace Prize Committees. I will explore the Peace Prize development from the first award to Jean Henri Dunant and Frédéric Passy, up until the most recent prize to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons (ICAN). I will guide you through different trends and insights on how the concept of peace has developed and has been understood.

My final conclusion will be that the success of the peace prize rests on the fact that the terms of the will have been interpreted into its own time.

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