

**Cenacolo & Dinner with Sir Ivor Roberts  
in the Attlee Room, House of Lords  
London 20 th March 2018**

Honorable guests,

I would like to thank Lord Brennan and Mister Sansone for inviting me to this Cenacolo, the first Cenacolo that takes place abroad, outside of Italy, in this historic venue.

A special greeting to the main guest Sir Ivor Roberts.

Dear Gentlemen,

in order to try to answer the question "Italy-Europe: Quo Vadis?"

I would like to engage in an exercise with you: a change of perspective.

For a moment, let's try to look at the current socio-economic situation of Italy and more generally of Europe from the point of view of the Italian youth.

Try to identify with them: What do we see? How do we feel?

If happiness is a currency, how rich do we consider ourselves?

At the micro level:

-I see a strong desire for jobs. Not just any job to make money, but a job through which we can channel our creativity and realize our highest potential.

-There is a desire to have a family, and co-shaping our own future

- I see the need to have a government that trusts the young people and invests in them; a government that fights to avoid young people leaving Italy, perhaps to come to London or Berlin.

-At the macro level (Europe)

-there is a desire to share common values such as solidarity, social equality  
collaboration between countries, respect for diversity

-a desire to let go of old patterns and inefficient policies and to embrace new possibilities

-a desire for a "new start" for Europe with less technocracy and financial supremacy and more inclusion, intergenerational equity and sustainability

-a widespread desire for meaning, happiness, and connectedness

-a new measure of progress in living standards on which European citizens ultimately can judge the economic success of their countries

**What does this change of perspectives reveal to us?**

Using the words of Prof. Otto Sharmer from MIT:

"At the heart of our current predicament is a disconnect between the real

-world challenges- the widening ecological, social, and spiritual divides

-and the outdated economic models we use to respond to them.

Closing the gap will require nothing less than a transformation of the economy.

The transformation of our current mode of capitalism is the key  
to any sustainable strategy for social-ecological change.

It is true for Italy, Europe

as it is for the United States, Asia, Africa or Latin America."

Thank you for your attention.

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