

# **Social Sciences Universities Network (SSUN)**

Inaugural Conference

November 4-5, 2019

**LUISS**



**中國人民大學**  
RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

# Summary

<b>1. Contributions of the Network</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2. Agenda</b>	<b>4</b>
2.1 Timing and Location	4
2.2 Conference Layout and Program Overview	4
2.3 Participant Institutions	7
<b>3. Logistics</b>	<b>10</b>
3.1 Hotels	10
3.2 Travel to campus	10
3.3 Map	11
3.5 Luiss Wi-Fi Information	11
3.4 Organizing Team	11

## 1. Contributions of the Network

We live in an era of rapid development and great change. The deepening and expansion of globalization and digitalization closely connect together the countries of the world and creates a situation of interdependence. Against this backdrop, Luiss University in Rome and Renmin University of China plan to initiate the Social Sciences Universities Network (SSUN).

The Network will promote cooperation between universities in talent training, scientific research, academic innovation, as well as policy and regulation formulation. Member universities will actively participate in global governance and become pacemakers of higher education in the humanities and the social sciences.

The establishment of the SSUN will have a strategic influence on all member universities. The Network will represent a broad and convenient platform of communication for researchers, professors, and students. It will allow to develop high-quality exchange programs and provide opportunities to conduct joint research projects and to foster academic innovation. The network will promote the publication of academic and policy reports on relevant issues, enhance the prominence and influence of all members, and act as an academic platform in the humanities and the social sciences. All member universities may rely on the Network to organize international conferences, develop inter-school communication, and create an “aggregation effect”. Members of the Network will also provide policy indications and proposals with a global perspective, for both national governments and international organizations.

## 2. Agenda

### 2.1 Timing and Location

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 13:00 - 18:00  
Villa Blanc  
Aula Carlo Azeglio Ciampi  
Viale Nomentana 216  
00162 Roma (RM)



Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:30 - 14:00  
Sala delle Colonne  
Viale Pola 12  
00198 Roma (RM)



### 2.2 Conference Layout and Program Overview

Please note that times listed may be subjected to change.

*Day 1 – Monday, November 4, 2019, Villa Blanc, Aula C.A. Ciampi (Via Nomentana 216)*

**Open session: guests welcome**

13:00-14:10            *Registration and Welcome Lunch*

14:10-14:30            **Introductory Address**

**Andrea Prencipe** (Rector, Luiss University); **Liu Wei** (President, Renmin University of China)

- 14:30-15:00      **Keynote address and debate** with participant Institutions  
**Lorenzo Fioramonti** (Italian Minister of Education, University and Research).  
**Chair:** Paola Severino (Vice President of Luiss University)
- 15:00-15:30      *Break*
- 15:30-16:30      **Outline of the SSUN and next steps**  
**Q&A session and group discussion**  
Moderators: **Raffaele Marchetti** (Deputy Rector for Internationalization, Luiss University) and **Shi Yan'an** (Director of the International Office, Renmin University of China).
- 16:30-17:00      **Keynote Address**  
**Stefania Giannini** (Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO)
- Work session: restricted to SSUN member institutions and their representatives**
- 17:00-18:30      **Panel on the Global Priorities for the Social Sciences:**  
**Hans Reitz** (Head of the Global Social Business Summit and managing director of The Grameen Creative Lab): “Global Challenges and the Priorities for the Social Sciences”  
**Q&A session and group discussion** on key issues for participant institutions  
**Moderators:** Raffaele Marchetti, Hans Reitz, Shi Yan'an
- 18:30-20:00      Personal time
- 20:00-22:00      **Conference Gala Dinner**  
Restaurant Camponeschi  
Piazza Farnese, 50-50/a, 00186 Roma

*Day 2 – Tuesday, November 5, 2019, Sala delle Colonne (Viale Pola 12)*

**Work session: restricted to SSUN member institutions and their representatives**

- 08:30-9:00      *Welcome Coffee*
- 09:00-10:30      **Panel on Cooperation Opportunities in Research and Teaching**  
**Angela Liberatore** (Head of Unit, European Research Council Executive Agency): “Fostering frontier research in social sciences and humanities: the ERC experience and its broader EU and international context”.

	<p><b>Q&amp;A session and group discussion</b> on cooperation opportunities between participant institutions</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Raffaele Marchetti, Donna Scarboro (Associate Provost, the George Washington University)</p>
10:30-11:00	<p><i>Break</i></p>
11:00-12:15	<p><b>Panel on Public Outreach</b></p> <p><b>Jack Grove</b> (Times Higher Education)</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A session and group discussion</b> on advocacy, lobbying, outward projection and multi-stakeholder engagement initiatives from SSUN members</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Silvia Elena Giorguli Saucedo (President, Colegio de México), Jack Grove, Shi Yan'an</p>
12:15-13:00	<p>Closing remarks by <b>Andrea Prencipe</b> (Rector of Luiss University) and <b>Du Peng</b> (Vice-President, Renmin University of China).</p> <p><b>Inauguration</b> of the SSUN, reading and approval of the Manifesto, signature of the SSUN scroll, group photo</p>
13:00-14:00	<p><i>Lunch and Departure</i></p>

## 2.3 Participant Institutions

BI Norwegian Business School



Chengchi University



Colegio de Mexico



Covenant University



European University Institute



Fundação Getulio Vargas



George Washington University



King's College London



Koç University



Luiiss University



MGIMO



National Research University HSE



Pontificia Universidad Javeriana



Prince Sultan University



Renmin University of China



Sciences Po

SciencesPo

Stellenbosch University





Tel Aviv University



Tilburg University



Universidad de Belgrano



Université de Carthage



University of Ghana



## 3. Logistics

### 3.1 Hotels

Participants will be responsible for their own travel accommodation and expenses. However, we would like to inform you that you may enjoy special rates at the following nearby hotels (please remember to mention that you will attend a conference at Luiss and to request the discounted rate):

Hotel Fenix  
Viale Gorizia, 5  
00198 Roma RM  
(+39) 06 854 0741  
[info@fenixhotel.it](mailto:info@fenixhotel.it)  
<https://www.fenixhotel.it/en/>

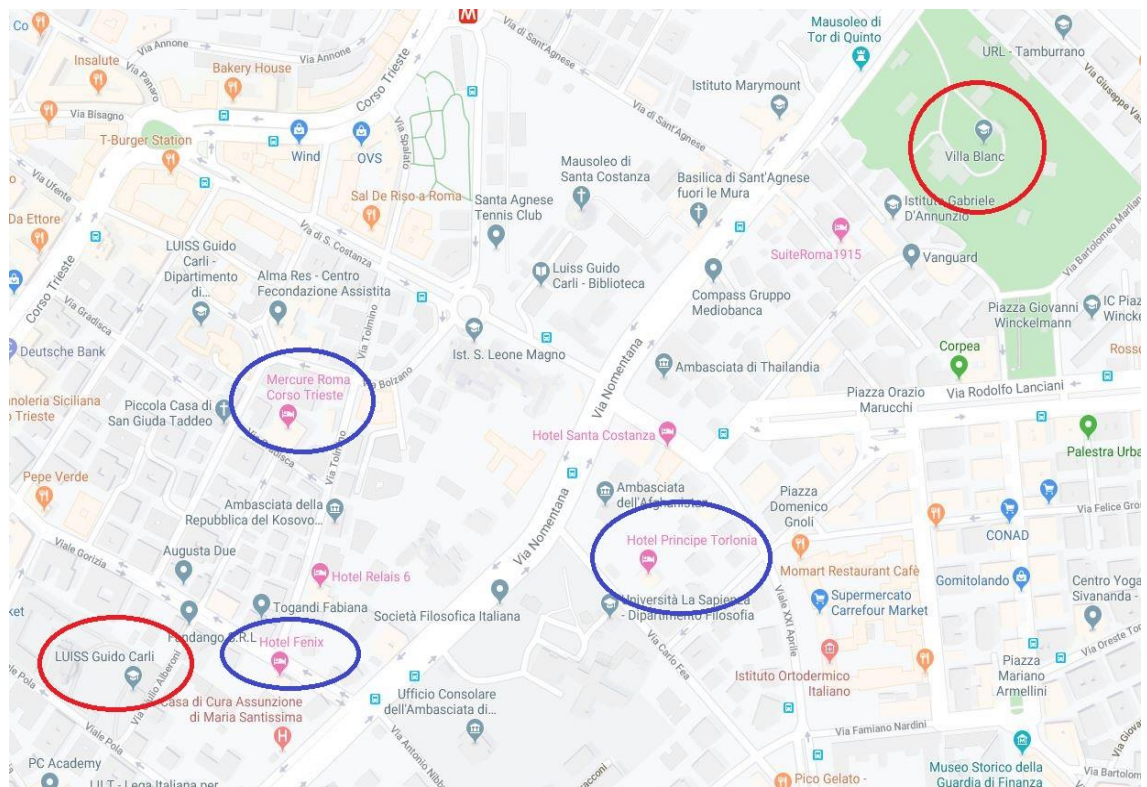
Hotel Mercure Corso Trieste  
Via Gradisca, 29  
00198 Roma RM  
(+39) 06 852021  
[H3320@ACCOR.COM](mailto:H3320@ACCOR.COM)  
<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3320-mercure-rome-corso-trieste/index.shtml>

Hotel Principe Torlonia  
Via Carlo Fea, 5  
00161 Roma RM  
(+39) 06 8880 1989  
[info@hotelprincipetorlonia.com](mailto:info@hotelprincipetorlonia.com)  
<https://www.hotelprincipetorlonia.com/en/>

### 3.2 Travel to campus

The conference venues are well connected to both the Airport of Rome Fiumicino and the Airport of Rome Ciampino. The journey from both airports via public transportation lasts approximately one hour (several train and underground lines as well as bus routes are available). Taxis and privately hired cars with professional drivers are also available (hired cars must be booked in advance, should you wish to do so, you can refer to [info@autonoleggiodeiparchi.it](mailto:info@autonoleggiodeiparchi.it), +39 06 9020 5924). The journey from both airports via taxi or car lasts approximately 40 minutes (depending on traffic).

### 3.3 Map



### 3.4 Luiss Wi-Fi Information

To connect your laptop, smartphone, or tablet to the University's wireless network, please:

- Check that wireless capability is enabled on your device
- Select the "LUISSwpa" wireless network
- Login with the following credentials:
  - User ID: [ssun@luiss.it](mailto:ssun@luiss.it)
  - Password: Luiss4611!

### 3.5 Organizing Team

Maria Sole Micali, Office of the Rector's Delegate for Internationalization, Luiss – [mmicali@luiss.it](mailto:mmicali@luiss.it)  
Francesco Maria Pirocchi, Executive Assistant to the Rector, Luiss – [fpircchi@luiss.it](mailto:fpircchi@luiss.it)  
Yilin Yuan, Manager, Liaison for America and Oceania, Renmin – [yy12012@ruc.edu.cn](mailto:yy12012@ruc.edu.cn)