

BIOGRAPHY



Ambassador Claudio Pacifico **Career Diplomat, Author, Essayist and University Lecturer**

Studies, Diplomatic Career, Books and Written Essays.
Travels, Expeditions to deserts, mountains and the Sahara.

Claudio Pacifico, Italian diplomat, writer and essayist, was born in Rome in 1947.

He obtained the Classical High School Diploma at the Liceo Ennio Quirino Visconti Lyceum in Rome (1965) and graduated in Law, with the highest grade of ‘110 cum laude’, at the “La Sapienza” University of Rome (1971). He specialized in international disciplines studying at Johns Hopkins University, University of Baltimore, Bologna Center (1971-1972) and at Winston Churchill College in Cambridge, University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom (1972).

He attended courses for the Research Doctorate (PhD) in Law at the “La Sapienza” University of Rome and the preparation course for a diplomatic career (1973-1974).

Subsequently, he attended a postgraduate summer course at Harvard University in Cambridge, Boston, Massachusetts, in the United States (1981).

In 1974 he joined the Italian diplomatic service where he served until his retirement on January, 1st 2013.

In his long career, Ambassador Pacifico carried out his diplomatic service in places of particular importance for Italian interests (starting with the Embassy of Italy in Washington) and also on the “front line” in contexts of real danger, sometimes in theatres of war, such as the Iran upon the Iranian Revolution; Somalia during tribal and civil war; Sudan, at the time of Bin Laden's refuge there and thus the target of American bombs; “Colonel” Mouammar Gaddafi's Libya, or even the Bangladesh in times of cyclones and the worst pandemics; and finally Egypt of the “Tahrir Square Revolution”, the epicentre and symbol of the so-called “Arab Springs”, where he was strongly committed to the protection of our compatriots and the important interests of Italian companies until the end of his career.

As a young man, he worked with some of the great Italian ambassadors of the second half of the 20th century, Vittorio Cordero di Montezemolo, Luigi Vittorio Ferraris,

Francesco Paolo Fulci, Rinaldo Petrigiani, Luigi Cottafavi, Bruno Bottai, Boris Biancheri, Sergio Romano, Umberto La Rocca, Ferdinando Salleo, Luigi Guidobono Cavalchini, Umberto Vattani, Giorgio Giacomelli, Patrizio Schmidlin, Amedeo De Franchis, Arduino Fornara, Sergio Kociancich.

Throughout his career he collaborated with all the great Italian statesmen of his time, from Prime Minister Bettino Craxi and Giulio Andreotti, to President Sandro Pertini and Prime Ministers Aldo Moro, Emilio Colombo, President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro and Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga, up to “younger” Prime Ministers, Lamberto Dini, Romano Prodi, Silvio Berlusconi, Presidents Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, Giorgio Napolitano, and Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema.

He knew many international leaders such as Mohammad Reza Pahlavi the last Shah of Iran and Ayatollah Khomeini; great American presidents, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and Barak Obama; great Arab and Middle Eastern Leaders: Yasser Arafat, King Husayn of Jordan, President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, the Prime Ministers of Israel Golda Meir, Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Rabin, the Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, the Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq al-Hariri; “Colonel” Mouammar Gaddafi, the Egyptian Presidents Hosni Mubarak, Mohammed Morsi and Abdel Fattah el-Sisi; the Presidents of Sudan Omar el-Bashir and Hassan el-Tourabi; historical leaders of the Arab League, Amr Moussa, Nabil Elarabi, Ahmed Abul Gheit; great African leaders, the Somali Presidents Mohamed Siad Barre, Ali Mahdi, Mohamed Farah Aidid, Hussein Farah Aidid, Abdiqasim Salad; the Ethiopian President Meles Zenawi; the Eritrean President Isaias Afewerki; the Ugandan Presidents Yoweri Museveni and Paul Kagame; the Congolese Presidents Laurent Kabila and Joseph Kabila; the Presidents of Kenya Jomo Kenyatta and Daniel arap Moi; the President of South Africa Nelson Mandela; United Nations General Secretaries, Ban Ki-moon, Boutros Boutros Ghali, Kofi Annan; Asian political leaders such as Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, Narendra Modi, President Abdul Kalam; the Emperor of Japan Akhitho and Prime Ministers Junichiro Koizumi and Shinzo Abe; Chinese Presidents Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping; the King of Thailand Bhumibol Abdulyadej; the last King of Afghanistan Zaher Shah and President Hamid Karzai; the Presidents of Pakistan Zia-ul-Haq, Pervez Musharraf and Benazir Bhutto; the Presidents of Bangladesh Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Ministers Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina; the President of Sri Lanka Chandrika Bandaranaike; Korean Presidents Kim Dae Jong and Roh Moo-hyun; Imelda Marcos; Philippine Presidents Philippines Ferdinand Marcos and Corazon Aquino and First Lady of the Philippines Imelda Marcos.

His first foreign office was at the Italian Embassy in Tehran, where, as Consul of Italy in Iran, he successfully organized the evacuation of his compatriots and other European citizens during the Iranian Revolution (1978-1979). He was granted two Solemn Commendations for the evacuation operations.

On 19 July 1979 he was transferred to the Italian Embassy in Washington where he remained until June 1983.

On 17 June 1983 he returned to Rome to the headquarters of the Italian Foreign Ministry. He takes up service, first as Deputy Head of Office for the Middle East, then as Head of Office for Asia in the Directorate for Development Cooperation. From June 1984 to February 1987 he was Head of the Secretariat of Undersecretary Bruno Corti with responsibility for the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Asia and Oceania.

On February 14, 1987 he was sent to the Italian Embassy in Mogadishu as First Counsellor of the Embassy, that is Number Two or Deputy Ambassador. In this capacity, during the Somali civil war (1990 -91), he led a nucleus of Carabinieri of the Tuscania Battalion in the rescue operations of civilian populations, compatriots and numerous civilians of various nationalities. In recognition of these actions, two gold and four silver medals were awarded for Civil Valor. In the honourable mention it is emphasized that the nucleus of the Carabinieri "led by the First Counsellor of the Embassy of Italy in Mogadishu Claudio Pacifico, performed acts of great humanitarian value with a sense of self-denial and contempt for danger". For this conduct, he will then be appointed by the Carabinieri, 'Meritorious Member' of the National Carabinieri Association.

Again in recognition of his service in Somalia, in 1991 he was appointed, for the first time, Ambassador of Italy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, at the time the youngest Ambassador on the entire Italian diplomatic network. He took up his duties on 23 August 1991.

On 2 May 1995 he returned to Rome, to the Farnesina, as Director of the Middle East Office in the Directorate General for Political Affairs.

Subsequently, in a series of increasingly important assignments, he was:

Italian Ambassador to Sudan (from 25 November 1997 to 22 September 2000);
 Italian Ambassador to Libya (from 23 September 2000 to 25 November 2004);
 Director General for Asia, Oceania, and Antarctica at The Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs (from 26 November 2004 to 31 August 2007);
 Italian Ambassador to Egypt (from 1 September 2007 to 1 January 2013);
 Italian Representative to the Arab League (he was the first formally accredited Representative of Italy and of all EU countries, since 1 September 2007).

In January 2008 he was appointed to the top grade of the diplomatic career of Ambassador of rank, again in recognition of the exceptional service he had provided throughout his career.

He was awarded a number of important Arab honours: from the *First Class Order of the Two Niles* (in Sudan), to the *First Class Order of the Grand Fatah* (in Libya).

As for the Italian honours, he was named *Knight Officer, Commander, Grand Officer (Cavaliere Ufficiale, Commendatore, Grande Ufficiale)* and, finally, also in recognition

of both, his particular successful career and his commitment to the Egyptian Revolution, in 2012 he was awarded the *Honour of Knight of Great Croce (Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica Italiana “the highest Italian honour”)*, which the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano wanted to deliver to him personally in a special audience at the Presidential Residence, the “Quirinale”.

Immediately after his retirement, the Foreign Minister assigned him in January 2013 the position of his Advisor in the capacity of “Special Envoy for the Mediterranean and the Middle East”.

In the period between 2013 and today:

He has retained the title and rank of Ambassador of Italy.

He assumed the Presidency of the Publishing House “LuoghInteriori”.

He is a member of the Circle of Diplomatic Studies.

He is a member of the National Diplomatic Association-Costantino Nigra, Assdiplar.

He is the President of the Euro-Mediterranean Institute and the Arab World “Addar”.

He is a Meritorious Member of the National Carabinieri Association.

He is a Meritorious Member of the “Amici della Fenice” Foundation.

He is an Honorary Member of the Etruscan Academy of Cortona.

It is part of the “Amici della Letteratura Italiana (*Friends of Italian Literature*)”.

He is a member of the “Amici della Storia (*Friends of History*) Association”.

He has taught master's and specialization lessons at:

University of Siena;

“La Sapienza” University of Rome;

International Venice University of Venice;

“Luiss Guido Carli” International University;

Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan;

“Roma Tre” University of Rome;

University for Foreigners of Perugia.

He never ceased to be interested in environmental promotion projects, in particular for the protection of the delicate ecosystem of the Sahara, where he promoted the establishment of two national parks in Libya: the “Acacus Mountains National Park” and the “Jebel al Uweynat National Park”; and one in Egypt: the “Gilf Kebir Plateau National Park”. In Egypt, he also supported sustainable development projects in the ‘Siwa’, and the ‘Kharga and Dhakla’ Oases.

He continued to be interested in Archaeology and Palaeontology, a sector in which he had actively collaborated with the famous palaeontologist, researcher and university professor, Fabrizio Mori.

Also in Egypt, he promoted the first mission of research and restoration in the famous “Cave of the Swimmers” (discovered by Lazlo von Almasy), in the so-called “Grotta Foggini” Foggini's Cave (discovered by Massimo Foggini) and in the cave paintings of Wadi Sura.

He continued to pursue his interest in Industrial Archaeology. It was, with the Hon. Bruno Corti, one of the founding members of the “Coltello di Delfo”, one of the first Italian magazines of Material Culture and Industrial Archaeology (1987-1997).

Passionate about classical and opera music, he continues to follow the activities of the “Perugia Musica Classica” foundation of Perugia; the “Amici della Fenice” (*Friends of the Phoenix*) foundation of Venice; the “Friends of Music”; the ‘Amici della Scala’ (*Friend of the Ladder*) foundation in Milan; and the Wagnerian Bayreuther Festspiel (*the city of Bayreuth Festival*).

HONOURS

Knight of the Grand Cross of Merit of the Italian Republic, on the initiative of the President of the Republic (*Considered to be the highest Italian honour granted to him for ‘the exceptional services rendered to the country’, which the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano wanted to personally deliver to him in a special audience at the Presidential Residence: the “Quirinale”*).

Grand Officer of Merit of the Italian Republic.

Commander of Merit of the Italian Republic.

Official Knight of Merit of the Italian Republic.

First Class Order of the Two Niles (Sudan).

First Class Order of the Grand Fatah (Libya).

Honourable mention in the two gold medals and four silver medals awarded to the Carabinieri and Embassy staff in the rescue of the Italians and civilian populations during the Somali crisis (1990-1991).

Honourable Mention in the Commemorative Plaque placed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Pyongyang. (*Given on the occasion of having rescued the staff and families of the North Korean Embassy in Somalia and the First Counsellor, the latter was killed by Somali snipers in the compound of the Embassy of Italy in Mogadishu January 1991*).

Solemn commendation for his commitment
as Ambassador of Italy to Bangladesh (1994).

Two Solemn Commendations granted to him for the evacuation of Italians and other
European citizens during the Iranian Revolution (1978-1979).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: Mother tongue

English: Written and spoken fluently (level C1)

French: Written and spoken fluently (level C1)

Spanish: Basic level (A1 level)

German: Basic level (level A1)

Arabic: Basic level, only spoken (level A1)

Turkish, Farsi, Somali: only hints of spoken language

Latin and Ancient Greek: Scholastic knowledge

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Lover of classical symphonic, opera and concert music.

Passionate about literature, history and archaeology.

The art; contemporary painting; primitive art.

Travel, all over the world: Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and Oceania, the Americas, Antarctica.

Expeditions by Land Rover, camel, mule, horse, trekking.

Deserts: Sahara, Bayuda Desert, Libyan-Nubian Desert, Nubian Desert, Western Desert, Syrian-Arabian Desert, Rub el Khali (Empty Quarter) , Dasht-e-Kavir, Dasht-e-Lut, Baluchistan, Sistan, Takla Maklan, the Gobi in Mongolia, the Great Victoria Desert, the Gibson Desert in Australia. And the Andean Deserts: Atacama and Sechura. The Mountains: Alps; Dolomites; Elburz and Demavand; Pamir; Karakorum; Kashmir; Tien Shan 'Celestial Mountains'; Tibet, Ladakh; Ayers Rock; Uluru; Colorado Plateau and Grand Canyon; Rocky Mountains; Uinta Mountains and Kings Peak; Wasatch Range and Monument Valley; Black Hills and Mount Rushmore; Appalachian, and Blue Ridge; Andes and Machu Picchu; Patagonia; Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy; Antarctica.

The Saharan mountain ranges: Atlas, Tassili, Tibesti, Tadrart Acacus, Massif Al Uweinat and Gilf Kebir.

Sports

Skiing, Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Athletics, Tennis, Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Mountaineering and Trekking. Going camel riding.

In the 1960s, he took part as one of the Italian National Athletics Students teams for (100m; 4x100m relay; 400m; 800m; 1,200m and field race).

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Memories, Narrative works, Photographic books

Ambassador Pacifico has written numerous books on fiction, memoirs, international politics, cultural insights, particularly on the history and culture of Arab, Saharan and Asian countries, places where he lived for a long time. Some of his books have also been translated and published in English and Arabic. Specifically, they are to be remembered:

1. *Sogni e Delusioni delle 'Primavere Arabe'. La destabilizzazione del Mondo Arabo, terrorismo e crisi umanitaria (Dreams and Disappointments of the 'Arab Springs'. The destabilization of the Arab world, terrorism and humanitarian crisis).* Paperback, pp. 79. LuoghInteriori, Città di Castello, 2016.
2. *Along the Nile, Through the Sahara. Travels in the Land of the Pharaohs, in Search of the Unknown Egypt.* Hardcover book, pp. 587; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Sharqiyat Publishing House, Cairo, September 2012.
3. *جزر النعيم Le Isole della Benedizione. Viaggi nella Storia e nei Deserti dell'Egitto (The Islands of Blessing. Journeys Through History and the Deserts of Egypt).* Published in Arabic, original title جزر النعيم. Hardcover book, pp. 447; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Sharqiyat Publishing House, Cairo, November 2012.
4. *Dieci Anni in Egitto, Libia e Sudan (Ten Years in Egypt, Libya and Sudan) 1st ed.* Book bound in 2 vol. with slipcase, pp. 720; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Sharqiyat Publishing House, Cairo, December 2010.
5. *Dieci Anni in Egitto, Libia e Sudan (Ten Years in Egypt, Libya and Sudan) 2nd ed.* Book in 2 vol. pp. 720; paperback edition; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Sharqiyat Publishing House, Cairo, December 2010.
6. *Sahara, nel Regno della Fata Morgana. Ricordi di trent'anni di Viaggi Sahariani (Sahara, in the Kingdom of the Fata Morgana. Memories of thirty years of Saharan*

- travels*) 1st ed. Hardcover book, pp. 667; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Appendix on the clanic and social organization of the Tuareg: the five great confederations of the Kel Ahaggar, Kel Asgèr, Ioullimiden, Tenguèrèguif, Kel Air, noble tribes and vassals. Edimond, Città di Castello, April 2007.
7. *Sahara, nel Regno della Fata Morgana. Ricordi di trent'anni di Viaggi Sahariani. (Sahara, in the Kingdom of the Fata Morgana. Memories of thirty years of Saharan travels)* 2^a ed. Hardcover book, pp. 667; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Appendix on the clanic and social organization of the Tuareg: the five great confederations of the Kel Ahaggar, Kel Asgèr, Ioullimiden, Tenguèrèguif, Kel Air, noble tribes and vassals. Edimond, Città di Castello, April 2007.
 8. *Con i Tuareg a Timbuctù e nel Sahara. Ricordi di lontane avventure e traversate sahariane (With the Tuaregs in Timbuktu and in the Sahara. Memories of distant Saharan adventures and crossings).* Hardcover book, pp. 364; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps; Appendix: *Storia dei Tuareg e la loro Guerra di Indipendenza nell'Azauad.* Darf Publishers, London, 2005.
 9. *Diario Sahariano. La Storia dei Regni del Deserto. La Cultura dei Tuareg. La grande esplorazione del Sahara e le rotte carovaniere (Saharan diary. The History of the Desert Kingdoms. The culture of the Tuareg. The great exploration of the Sahara and the caravan routes).* Hardcover book, pp. 319; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Appendix on *I Tuareg, le loro lingue, il Tamasceq e il Tamahaq, i grandi Poemi 'epico-amorosi' orali o scritti in Tifina. (The Tuareg, their languages, Tamasceq and Tamahaq, the great 'epic-amorous' poems spoken or written in Tifinar).* W.I.C.S. Publishers, Tripoli, 2004.
 10. *Sabbie Perdute (Lost Sands)* Hardcover book, pp. 525; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps, Sahara and major caravan routes. Appendix: *Viaggiatori e studiosi sahariani della modernità, e le loro principali opere sul deserto (Saharan travelers and scholars of modernity, and their main works on the desert).* Edimond Publishing House, Città di Castello, December 2003.
 11. *Bengala (Bengal).* Photographic art book with text in Italian and English. Hardcover, pp. 202; hard cover with laminated dust jacket. Edimond, Città di Castello, October 2000.
 12. *Somalia. Ricordi di un Mal d'Africa Italiano.* (Somalia. Memories of an Italian Mal d'Africa) 2nd ed. Hardcover book, pp. 574; hard cover with plastic-coated dust

jacket; photographic inserts; maps and geographical maps. Appendix: *Etnologia e antropologia dei Somali: le tribù, i clan e le etnie. I principali movimenti di guerriglia su base etnica*. (Ethnology and anthropology of Somalis: tribes, clans and ethnic groups. The main ethnic guerrilla movements). Edimond, Città di Castello, November 1996.

13. *Somalia. Ricordi di un Mal d’Africa Italiano (Somalia. Memories of an Italian Mal d’Africa)* 1st ed. Hardcover book, pp. 699; hard cover with plastic-coated dust jacket; photographic inserts; maps. Appendix: *Etnologia e antropologia dei Somali: le tribù, i clan e le etnie (Ethnology and anthropology of Somalis: tribes, clans and ethnic groups)*. Binimoy Printers editions, Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 1994.
14. *La Rivoluzione Iraniana (The Iranian Revolution)* Hardcover book, pp. 113; hard cover bound in leather with titles and leads in gold; photographic inserts. Herron Printing & Graphics Editions, Gaithersburg, Maryland, United States of America, September 1981.

Articles and essays on international politics; texts of master's lectures; interviews

Ambassador Pacifico was also engaged in a wide-ranging activity as an essayist publishing articles and essays on international politics and giving master's lectures and interviews. In this regard, we can mention:

Le ‘Primavere Arabe’ dieci anni dopo. Ricordi e riflessioni di un ambasciatore italiano (The ‘Arab Springs’ ten years later. Memories and reflections of an Italian ambassador). Second part - The cases of Libya, Syria, Iraq and Mali). Essay published in the periodical magazine *le SFIDE. Non c’è futuro senza memoria (There is no future without memory)* n. 11. Rome, March 2022.

Le ‘Primavere Arabe’ dieci anni dopo. Ricordi e riflessioni di un ambasciatore italiano. Prima parte – Il caso Egitto (The ‘Arab Springs’ ten years later. Memories and reflections of an Italian ambassador. First part - The Egypt case). Essay published in the periodical magazine *le SFIDE. Non c’è futuro senza memoria. Mediterraneo – Conflitti, cooperazione e scenari globali (There is no future without memory. Mediterranean - Conflicts, cooperation and global scenarios)* n. 10. Rome, November 2021.

2011-2021: le ‘Primavere Arabe’ dieci anni dopo. Rivoluzioni, guerre civili, l’avanzata del terrorismo islamico. Ricordi e riflessioni di un testimone diretto, l’Ambasciatore italiano (the ‘Arab Springs’ ten years later. Revolutions, civil wars, the advance of Islamic terrorism. Memories and reflections of a direct witness, the Italian Ambassador). Essay published by Edizioni Euroasia. Rome, December 2021.

Italia-Egitto: rapporti ai ferri corti? Intervista a Claudio Pacifico, Ambasciatore d’Italia in Egitto dal 2007 al 2013 (Italy-Egypt: relations at loggerheads? Interview

with Claudio Pacifico, Ambassador of Italy to Egypt from 2007 to 2013). *Opinio Iuris*, February 2, 2021.

Corea del Nord e USA: un Rapporto travagliato; con breve storia della Corea del Nord e dei suoi rapporti con l'Italia (North Korea and the USA: a troubled relationship; with a brief history of North Korea and its relations with Italy). Essay published in the Book *Lettere sul Mondo. Dal Circolo di Studi Diplomatici (Letters on the World. From the Circle of Diplomatic Studies)*. Mazzanti Books. Venice, May 2019.

“The Literary Prize of Città di Castello. The nursery of new unpublished writers from all Italian regions. A great cultural and civilization growth”. Texts of the speeches by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico, as President of the LuoghInteriori Publishing House and as a Member of the Jury for the Literary Prize, at the closing ceremony and in the subsequent television interview given to ATVReport. Palazzo Bufalini, Città di Castello, October 28, 2018.

“Celebrations of the first five years of the LuoghInteriori Publishing House”. Text of the opening speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico, President of the LuoghInteriori Publishing House. Headquarters of the LuoghInteriori Publishing House, via Morandi, Città di Castello, 26 May 2018.

“The figure of the woman in the three monotheistic religions”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized by the University of Roma Tre. Aula Volpi, Roma Tre University, Rome, 1 March 2018.

Alcune riflessioni sulla politica mediterranea e mediorientale dell'Unione Europea dopo le Primavere Arabe (Some reflections on the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern policy of the European Union after the Arab Springs). Essay published in the book *Le Sfide del XXI Secolo*. Greco & Greco Publishers, Milan, 2018.

“The fate of Africa and the causes of the exponential increase in its migratory flows”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the International Conference on Europe-Africa Dialogue, organized by the Circle of Diplomatic Studies. The moderator was the ex-Italian Premier and ex-President of the EU, Romano Prodi. Rome, 18 June 2018.

“The Dialogue between Europe and Islam”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Conference on Dialogue between Europe and Islam, organized by the Circle of Diplomatic Studies. Rome, 1 May 2018.

Corea del Nord e USA: un Rapporto controverso che fa da sfondo al primo incontro tra il Presidente americano Trump e il Leader coreano Kim Jong-un (North Korea and the USA: a controversial relationship that forms the background of the first meeting between US President Trump and Korean leader Kim Jong-un). Article published in

the *Lettera Diplomatica (Diplomatic Letters)*, periodic magazine of the Circle of Diplomatic Studies, Rome, 24 March 2018.

“*Mediterranean criticalities: the Libya case*” Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Seminar organized in Rome on November 12, 2015 by OMeGA, Mediterranean Observatory of Geopolitics and Anthropology. Then published in the book: *Rotte Mediterranee 2017. Lungo le rotte del corallo (Mediterranean Routes 2017. Along the coral routes)* OMeGA Editions, Rome, March 2018.

“*Environmental emergency in the Mediterranean. Natural and Human*” Text of the speeches by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Seminar organized in Rome by OMeGA, Mediterranean Observatory of Geopolitics and Anthropology and published in the book: *Rotte Mediterranee 2017. Lungo le rotte del corallo (Mediterranean Routes 2017. Along the coral routes)* OMeGA Editions, Rome, March 2018.

“*What changed in the Arab world after the Arab Springs. Utopia or cold reality*” Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized by the Vice President of the Legislative Assembly of the Umbria Region, Hon. Marco Guasticchi. Palazzo Cesaroni, Perugia, November 16, 2017.

“*Conference - Round Table on the Arab Springs*”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized by the Cultural Association 'Virtual Tracks' as part of the 'Città di Castello Literary Award', 'Special Worlds and Cultures on the Shores of the Mediterranean' section. Hall of Mirrors, Palazzo Bufalini, Città di Castello, October 27, 2017.

“*Reopening ceremonies at the National Central Library of Rome of the former IsIAO Library and the former Italian African Institute*”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the ceremony. National Central Library of Rome, viale Castro Pretorio, Rome, July 25, 2017.

L'Egitto dalla 'Primavera Araba' ai giorni nostri (Egypt from the 'Arab Spring' to the present day). Essay by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico published in the book *Libro Il Mondo Intorno a Noi. Riflessioni di alcuni Ambasciatori del Circolo di Studi Diplomatici (The World around Us. Reflections of some Ambassadors of the Circle of Diplomatic Studies)* Greco & Greco Publishers. Milan, 2017.

“*Some reflections on the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern policy of the European Union after the Arab Springs*”. Text of the Master Lecture held by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the La Sapienza University of Rome. Rome June 27 2017.

“*Awarding of the winners of the 'Città di Castello Literary Award'*”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico, as President of the LuoghInteriori Publishing House,

at the closing ceremony of the Prize. Gothic Hall, Duomo Museum, Città di Castello, May 27, 2017.

"The failure of the 'Arab Springs'". Text of the interview released by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico to Vatican Radio. Radio studios of Vatican Radio. Headquarters, Piazza Pia, Rome, 15 December 2016.

"The Etruscans, Masters of Writing. Society and culture in Ancient Italy". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the opening of the exhibition organized by the Etruscan Academy Museum, the City of Cortona and the Louvre Museum. City of Cortona, 19 March-31 July 2016.

"Environmental emergency in the Mediterranean. Natural and Human. Dissemination role of the media". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized in Rome by OMeGA, Mediterranean Observatory of Geopolitics and Anthropology. Rome, 24 May 2016.

"The responsibilities of the West in the wars that have upset the Mediterranean and Africa". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico on the television program *Storie Vere* broadcast on RAI 1. RAI-TV studios, Saxa Rubra, Rome, 1 April 2016

"The Books that Made Europe". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized by the *Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei* and the Ministry of Cultural Heritage. Accademia dei Lincei, Palazzo Corsini, via della Lungara, Rome, 31 March 2016.

"The Arab World, Today". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized by the cultural association Tracciati Virtuali. Palazzo Bufalini, Città di Castello, 20 February 2016.

"Egypt and relations with Italy". Texts of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Seminar organized by ISIAMED and the subsequent interview released. ISIAMED headquarters, via Ennio Quirino Visconti, Rome, 18 February 2016.

"War at the gates. Contain the conflicts in the Mediterranean". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the conference organized by the Chamber of Deputies. Palazzo Montecitorio, Piazza di Monte Citorio, Rome December 2nd, 2015.

"The Mediterranean, Europe, the Suez Canal". Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Conference organized by the Center for the Promotion of Books and the Terzo Pilastro Italy and Mediterranean Foundation, with the participation of the Ambassador of Egypt in Italy, Amr Helmy, the journalist Carmen Lasorella and the ex-President of the Foreign Affairs Commission, Hon. Pietro Folena. Circolo Antico Tiro a Volo, Rome, 5 November 2015.

“The value of emigration. The contribution of the Italian regional communities to the progress and development of the host countries”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Conference organized by UNAR, Diplomacy - Festival of Diplomacy and the Center for the Promotion of Books. UNAR headquarters, via Aldrovandi, Rome 27 October 2015.

“The inauguration of the New Suez Canal”. Text of the speech by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the celebrations organized by the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Italy, Amr Helmy. Egyptian Embassy, Rome, 6 August 2015.

“The 'Arab Springs', hopes and disappointments. Destabilization and internal conflicts in the Arab world. The advance of Islamist radicalism and terrorism”. Text of the Master Lecture held by Ambassador Claudio Pacifico at the Luiss-Guido Carli University in Rome. Rome March 15th 2015.

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