



Official Visit of Ankara University to Sapienza University of Rome

Italo-Turkish Relations:
Diplomacy, Culture, and Economy

5 may 2025

Morning Session

11:30 | Meeting at Sapienza University of Rome

Location: Meeting Room 2 (Sala Riunioni 2), Marco Polo Building

Inaugural Speeches

Antonella Polimeni (Rector of Sapienza University of Rome)

Necdet Ünüvar (Rector of Ankara University)

Bruno Botta (Rector of UnitelmaSapienza)

Elif Çomoğlu Ülgen (Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye in Rome)

Carlo Marsili (Former Ambassador to the Republic of Türkiye and President of the Associazione Italia-Turchia)

Gürsel Baran (President of the Ankara Chamber of Commerce - ATO)

Signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding between the ISO Department (Sapienza University of Rome) and the TÖMER Institute (Ankara University)

12:45 – 14:00 | Light Lunch

Afternoon Session

14:00 – 14:45 | Diplomatic Relations Session

Location: Meeting Room 2 (Sala Riunioni 2), Marco Polo Building

Moderator: Carlo Marsili (Former Ambassador to the Republic of Türkiye and President of the Associazione Italia-Turchia)

Speakers: Elif Çomoğlu Ülgen (Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye in Rome), Tacan İldem (Former Ambassador and Assistant Secretary General of NATO), Valeria Giannotta (Scientific, Director of CesPI - Center for International Policy Studies)

14:45 – 16:15 | Cultural Relations Session – Languages and Literatures

Moderator: Nevin Özkan (Director of the Department of Western Languages and Literatures and Director of the Department of Italian Language and Literature, Ankara University)

Speakers: Rosita D'Amora (ISO Department, Sapienza University of Rome), Timur Gültekin (Department of Anthropology, Ankara University, and director of the TÖMER Institute), Rosella Castellano (Pro-Rector for International Relations, UnitelmaSapienza), Beyza Uzun Kutlay (Director of the Yunus Emre Turkish Cultural Center of Rome), Angela Tangianu (Former Director of the Italian Cultural Institute of Ankara), İlhan Karasubaşı (Department of Italian Language and Literature, Ankara University)

16:15 – 17:00 | Cultural Relations Session – Archaeology and History

Moderator: Franco D'Agostino (Director of the ISO Department, Sapienza University of Rome)

Speakers: Rita Francia (Department of Ancient World Studies), Marcella Frangipane (Former Director of the Arslantepe Archaeological Mission), Francesca Balossi Restelli (Director of the Arslantepe Archaeological Mission), Fabio L. Grassi (SARAS Department, Sapienza University of Rome)

17:00 – 18:00 | Economic Relations Session

Moderator: Fabio L. Grassi (SARAS Department, Sapienza University of Rome)

Speakers: Gürsel Baran (President of the Ankara Chamber of Commerce - ATO), Barış Seçkin (Anadolu Agency), Halil İbrahim Yılmaz (Director of the Ankara City Council and Vice President of the Ankara Chamber of Commerce - ATO), Berkan Sağlam (Director and representative in Italy of Otokar), Musa Toprak (Coordinator of the Turkish educational hub of UnitelmaSapienza, Director of Casa Italia in Ankara and senior advisor of APRI International), Abidin Coşar (Member of the Ankara Chamber of Commerce - ATO)