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Professor Alberto Martinelli was born in Milan, Italy on April 26, 1940. After his classical studies, he studied Economics and Business at Bocconi University of Milan, where he graduated in 1964 and specialized in the methodology of social sciences. In addition he obtained a Master degree (1968) and a Ph.D.(1975) in Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley.

He has been very active in teaching, pure and applied research, publishing, international scientific cooperation, and government consulting.

He became 'privat Dozent' in the Sociology of work in 1969 and has taught since then in the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Milan, first as associate professor of Economic Sociology and then, then in 1980 as full professor of Economic Sociology and, finally since 1987 as full professor of Political Science. He has been for many years the Director of the Department of Sociology of the University of Milan.

Between 1987 and 1999 he has been Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Milan. During his term as dean the Faculty of Political Sciences has more than doubled the number of students-up to 12.000, has significantly increased the teaching, research and non teaching staff, has opened new degree courses-in Economics, Sociology and Statistics, has developed a network of international interuniversity relations.

At present, he is President of the Degree course in Political Sciences and of the Master course in Comparative Institutions and Politics. He chaired the Commission for international scientific cooperation and was the Rector's Delegate for international academic relations of the University of Milan.

He also taught Sociology at Bocconi University of Milan and Political Science and Sociology in various foreign universities, among which the University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University, New York University, Universidad de Valencia, Ain-Shams University in Cairo.

Between 1998 and 2002 he was President of the International Sociological Association after having been Vice-president for the program(1994-1998) and chairperson of the 'Economy and Society' research committee (1986-1990), and is member of several international and national scientific associations. He has organized numerous international scientific conferences and has been responsible for international research projects.

He has been member of Italy's National Council of Science and Technology for the whole of its duration. In 1984-85 and in 1996-98 he was advisor of the Italian Prime Minister for social and economic policies. He was Vice-president of the National commission for political, sociological and historical sciences, chaired by the Minister of the University and Science. He chaired the National committee for the integration of immigrants.

At the regional level, he is member of the Scientific Committees of Lombardy Institute of Research. In 1991-92 he was vice-president of the Committee for the Prevention of Criminal Activities of the Milan City Council. And he was the official representative of the City of Milan in the Executive Committee of Eurocities. Between 2001 and 2006 he has been elected in the Milan City Council.

In 1999 he became member of the Real Academia des Ciencias Morales y Politicas de Espana.

He is on the editorial board of several scientific journals and writes for newspapers and magazines, among which Il Corriere della sera.

In almost 40 years of scholarly work he has written books and essays on political and sociological theory, development and modernization studies, international relations and global politics, complex organizations, entrepreneurship and management, interest groups, welfare policies, higher education.

Among his most recent books in English are:

-Transatlantic Divide. Comparing American and European Society, Oxford University Press, London, 2007.

- Global Modernization*, Sage, London, 2005.
- Recent Social Trends in Italy*, McGill-Queen's University Press, Montreal, 1997.
- “Entrepreneurship and Management”, in N. J. Smelser and R. Swedberg eds., *The Handbook of Economic Sociology*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J., 1994, 476-503.
- International Markets and Global Firms*, Sage, 1991.
- Economic and Society. Overviews on Economic Sociology*, Sage, 1990.