



Sergio Lombardo, "JFK Colored Politicians", 1963-64

# JOHN F. KENNEDY "A STRATEGY FOR PEACE" 60 YEARS LATER

## ARA PACIS AUDITORIUM

Rome, June 9, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Entrance: Via di Ripetta, 190

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## Press release

The last major campaign in the life of American President John F. Kennedy was not for his reelection, but rather the fight for a sustainable peace with the Soviet Union.

This conference celebrates the sixtieth anniversary of JFK's speech on June 10, 1963, titled "A Strategy for Peace." In that speech, the commencement address at American University, Kennedy drew upon statesmanship, moral insight, and astounding eloquence to establish more peaceful relations with the Soviet Union and to limit the nuclear arms race.

Determined to steer the world in a peaceful direction following the Cuban Missile Crisis, Kennedy delivered a series of speeches in the summer of 1963 in which he rejected the momentum of the Cold War and sought to convince his fellow Americans, and the world, that peace between the US and the Soviet Union was possible. He joined with his counterpart, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in a historic quest for peace.

JFK drew on prodigious diplomatic and political skills in addition to great eloquence, thereby helping the public and world leaders to understand that peace was both realistic and achievable, even at the height of the Cold War.

The invited speakers will address various dimensions of JFK's Quest for Peace, analyzing it from the historical, political, cultural, and personal perspectives.

The conference aims to offer the audience a fresh perspective on the Kennedy presidency as a model of bold moral leadership and practical problem-solving that can be applied to our present-day challenges and urgent need for peace. An approach that can be fruitful again in our times.

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## PROGRAM

Institutional Greetings

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**Alessandro Onorato**

Councilor for Major Events, Sports, Tourism, and Fashion, Roma Capitale

**Cecilia Casorati**

Director of the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome

**Mario Marazziti**

Community of Sant'Egidio, Former President of Social Affairs Commission, Chambers of Deputies  
Writer

Introduction

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**Miriam Mirolla**

Professor of Psychology of Art, Academy of Fine Arts in Rome  
President of Pensare Insieme

**Jeffrey D. Sachs**

Professor of Economics at Columbia University  
President United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network

## FILM SCREENING OF JFK'S PEACE SPEECH

*Commentary on the Peace Speech*

**Jeffrey D. Sachs**

Professor of Economics at Columbia University  
President United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network

*Reflections on JFK*

**Kerry Kennedy**

President Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights

*Reflections on Nikita Khrushchev*

**Nina Khrushcheva**

Professor of International Affairs, New School, New York

*Reflections on Theodore Sorensen*

**Gillian Sorensen**

Former Assistant Secretary-General of the UN

Peace in our days

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**Romano Prodi**

Professor Emeritus of Economics and Industrial Policy, University of Bologna  
Former President of the European Commission

**Mario Marazziti**

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**Stefano Zamagni**

President Emeritus of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

**Umberto Vattani**

Former Secretary-General of the MAECI, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Domenico De Masi**

Professor Emeritus of Labour Sociology, Università Sapienza, Rome  
Director of The School of Citizenship at Il Fatto Quotidiano

**Alberto Melloni**

Professor of History of Christianity, University of Modena-Reggio Emilia

Peace and Culture

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*JFK in Sergio Lombardo's painting*

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Conclusion

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