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Lecture

## **Changing times, enduring values: promoting the rule of law and sustainability**

Reflections of an Australian ambassador  
and international lawyer

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and San Marino and Ambassador-designate  
to Libya

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Dr Greg French holds Doctor of Laws and Master of Laws degrees from Münster University, Germany, in addition to Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Macquarie University. Dr French is Australia's Ambassador-designate to Italy, Albania, Libya and San Marino. He was previously Legal Adviser and head of the International Legal Branch in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He has led Australian delegations at meetings of the International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties and Antarctic Treaty Parties, as well as in negotiations on the Law of the Sea Convention, biosafety, marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction and the MH17 incident. He also led the Australian delegation that negotiated the Australia-New Zealand maritime boundary and was part of Australia's ICJ team in the Whaling in the Antarctic case. He chaired a UN Commission on seabed mining and was rapporteur for the negotiation of the 1994 Implementing Agreement to the Law of the Sea Convention. He has published one book and numerous chapters and articles on international law. He was Australia's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and the Maldives (2004-2008), has served at Australia's Embassy in Germany and was Business Development Manager of Australia's Pavilion at Expo 2000 in Hanover. He received the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal with respect to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. He has worked as a simultaneous conference interpreter on four continents and as a translator with publications in the fields of law, economics, medicine and marketing. He has also interpreted for Australian prime ministers and German chancellors and presidents. He is married and has three children.

## **Programme**

Welcome

**Michele Bugliesi**

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