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Italian University President Franco Pavoncello to Discuss Italian Politics at Ramapo College

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College is pleased to welcome President Franco Pavoncello of John Cabot University (JCU), Rome, Italy, on Thursday, March 31 from noon to 1 p.m. in the York Room of the Birch Mansion on the Ramapo campus. President Pavoncello’s lecture, titled “Comparative Lessons of Italian Politics,” is free and open to the public.

JCU, an American liberal arts university in the heart of Rome, is a U.S. accredited institution by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education that Ramapo College signed an agreement with in 2015. Since signing the agreement, Ramapo has had 19 students who have participated in various programs to date.

President Pavoncello received a B.A. in International Relations and Chinese and Japanese Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, then continued his studies at the University of Michigan, where he obtained an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Political Science. He has been a member of the faculty at John Cabot University since 1990, where he served as Dean of Academic Affairs from 1996 to 2005 while continuing to lecture in Political Science. In 2005, he became Acting President of the University and was confirmed President in April 2006. The JCU Board of Trustees recently renewed President Pavoncello's mandate until June of 2016.

A leading analyst of Italian politics, Dr. Pavoncello's work has appeared in, among others, the *American Political Science Review*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Asian Studies*, and *World Affairs*. He is also a well-known media commentator on Italian affairs, a contributor to major international newspapers, and appears regularly on radio and television networks, including *CNN*, *BBC*, *New York Times*, *Reuters Press and TV*, *International Herald Tribune* and many other media organizations.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers eight graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.