

Rocco Buttiglione

Professor Rocco Buttiglione was born in Gallipoli (Lecco) on June 6th, 1948.

He studied law in the Universities of Turin and Rome, focusing on history of political doctrines, under the tutorage of prominent Professor Augusto Del Noce.

He is currently Full Professor of Political Sciences at "Saint Pius V" University in Rome. He lives in Rome, is married and the father of four daughters. He is fluent in Italian, English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish.

Academic background

Amongst his many achievements, Professor Buttiglione has served as Acting Rector of the International Academy of Philosophy in the Principality of Liechtenstein. In that position he was engaged with the fields of philosophy; social ehtics; economics; and politics.

He held lectures and seminars on ethics at the Catholic University of Lublin, where he was awarded with an honorary degree in philosophy in May 1994.

Professor Buttiglione has also been involved in academic activities in the United States in collaboration with prominent cultural institutions and personalities. He is a member of the "American Enterprise Institute" in Washington D.C., directed by M. Novak; of the "G. Weigel Ethics and Public Policy Centre" in Washington; of the "Action Institute of R. Sirico" in Michigan; and of "R. Neuhaus Religion and Public Life" in New York.

He is in the editorial boards of numerous Italian and international journals and editorial columnist for various Italian daily newspapers.

Political background

Professor Buttiglione has been a member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament since 1994, and he was also elected member of the European Parliament in 1999.

On 1994 he was elected Secretary of the "Partito Popolare Italiano".

On 1995 he is elected Secretary of the "CDU-Cristiani Democratici Uniti".

Appointed as member of the Parliamentary Commission for Constitutional Reforms.

On May 2001 he was reconfirmed as a Member of the Chamber for the electoral district of Milan and appointed as Minister of European Union Policies in the second government headed by Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and is currently holding that position.

Publications

Professor Buttiglione has written and published ten volumes, more than 130 scientific essays in various languages, hundreds of articles in Italian and foreign press. Amongst them:

- Avvenimento cristiano e fenomeno rivoluzionario. Lezioni sul marxismo, Milano 1972, pp. 84.
- La crisi dell'economia marxista, Studium, Roma 1978.
- Dialettica e nostalgia, Jaca Book, Milano 1978.
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- L'uomo e il lavoro, CSEO Biblioteca, Bologna 1982.
- Metafisica della conoscenza e Politica in S. Tommaso d'Aquino, CSEO Biblioteca, Bologna 1985.
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