The EU Centre at RMIT in conjunction with the Contemporary European Studies Association Australia (CESAA) and the Institute of European Democrats (IED), Brussels present:

**Democracy in Europe following the Italian Elections**

In the aftermath of the Italian elections that have left the country in a political and institutional stalemate never experienced before and in the aftermath of the date marking the opening of the vote for the election of the next President of the Italian Republic, the Director of the Institute of European Democrats Luca Bader will address the Italian political situation and its drawbacks for democracy in the European Union.

Luca is CEO and Director of the Institute of European Democrats (IED), one of the Political Foundations at the European level formally recognised by the European Parliament in Brussels. He is Responsible for Europe and North America at the Democratic Party (PD) in Italy and he is an advisor of the Committees of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Italian Parliament.

In the past ten years, Luca has advised several Italian ministries and private companies on EU and international affairs and has regularly written on Italian and EU affairs for several Italian publications.

He holds a MA in International relations at the London School of Economics and a BA in Political Science at the University of London. Luca has done research at the School of International and Public Affairs at the Columbia University in New York and at the Institute of International Affairs in Rome, where, as Senior Research Fellow, he researched, organised conferences and wrote on European Integration, Transatlantic Relations and International Economy.

He has worked for the National Democratic Institute of Washington D.C., advising the program on building Institutions and Political Parties. In 2005, he was selected by the US Department of State for the "International Leaders Programme". From 2004 to 2006 he worked as advisor at the European Parliament in Brussels.

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**Event details:**
Friday 19 April, 2013  
12:30pm - 2:00pm  
RMIT City campus,  
RMIT Building 20, level 2, Court room 3  
Enter via 124 La Trobe Street or Bowen Street  
Melbourne

**Speaker:**  
Luca Bader - Director, Institute of European Democrats, Brussels

Free Event. All Welcome. A light lunch will be served.  
Please RSVP to eucentre@rmit.edu.au for catering purposes.

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