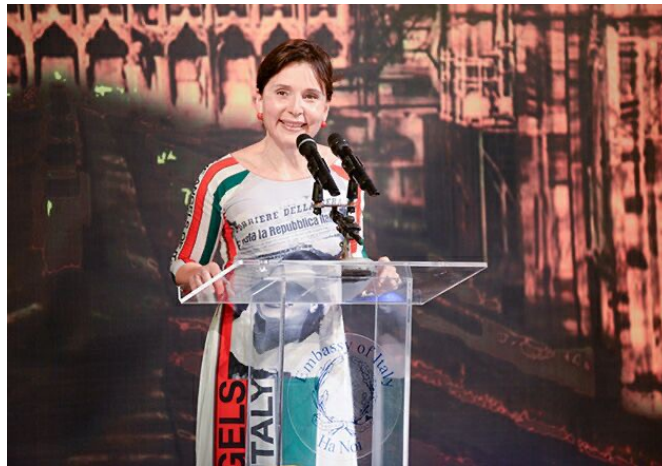


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Cecilia is a senior diplomat with 30 years of experience in both multilateral and Italian-US relations. Former Ambassador of Italy to Vietnam (2015/2018).

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In line with her economical and financial background, she served as Chief of the Economic and Trade Office at the Italian Embassy in Prague focusing on supporting the Italian companies interested in the privatization of state enterprises (banking and energy sectors).

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