

## A Lunch Talk with... Thierry Vissol

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m., in the living room of the Library (Building B), the students of the B.A. in Global Governance of the University of Rome Tor Vergata will meet Thierry Vissol for a Lunch Talk.



Thierry Vissol (France, 1951) is an economist. He has been professor in several American Universities, and now he is the Special Advisor for Media and Communications of the European Commission in Rome.

In 2011 he launched the competition "Una vignetta per l'Europa", for cartoons and caricatures on Europe and its institutions. He so valued the contribution of political satire in the construction of the common European Identity: a commitment of extraordinary importance nowadays after the attempt to the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo*.

The book contains all the competitive cartoons ("È tutta colpa dell'Europa. Euroscettici ed euro critici in 56 vignette satiriche", Donzelli, 2014) and it offers an original perspective to discuss the ancient

evils of the process of building The European Unity, as the demographic deficit and the stickiness of the governance processes.

Furthermore, the meeting will be an opportunity to talk with Vissol of his recent book "Toby, Dalla pace alla guerra. Storia (esemplare) di un qualunque soldato d'Europa" (Donzelli, 2014), in which Vissol reconstructs the life of his grandfather, the soldier Toby, through documents and unpublished images in the years of the Great War, when the young Toby was forced to participate in a war against his old friends and his ideals.



Lunch Talk is a project of the students and professors of the B.A. in Global Governance aimed at promoting informal meetings and discussions with people with significant life experiences and innovative ideas to share, in fields such as arts, literature, music, sports, religion, society, politics, and other areas still in search of a name.

"Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead" C. Bukowsky