

## In the mind of the World Bank

Entering the library *Vilfredo Pareto* in a cold morning of December, the class of Global Governance was expecting to meet one of the main personalities of the economic international sphere, **Enzo De Laurentiis**, the *Procurement Manager of the World Bank*. Thankful to apply their new knowledge with such a great expertise, they found extremely surprising to find a pleasant man who soon revealed his attitude for law and international law studies.

Starting from his law degree in the University of Trieste and moving to a Master of Laws in International Legal Studies from American University Washington College of Law, because of the *multidisciplinary of international relations* he began working for the World Bank in 2006.



Introducing himself, Enzo De Laurentiis showed us his disappointment regarding the classical approach to studies in the universities and in particular in some Italian courses that instil knowledge with any other goal but learning as such. For this reason and many others, He showed his passion and enthusiasm regarding the Global Governance project and its knowledge applied to **problem solving**. Adding value to this approach to studies, Enzo de Laurentiis underlines the new importance of the **soft skills** and

interdisciplinarity in this continuously changing global society where "*specialization is important, but solutions are always integrated and mulilateral*".

Being the main theme of the conference "*the critical role of good governance and effective institutions*" he introduced the topic by talking about the **real issues** – such as reduce poverty and boost prosperity – faced every day by the World Bank and the way it tries to tackle them through: efficiency, quality, transparency and effectiveness. In order to reinforce the concept of the importance of **good governance** he mentioned the example of Brazil, a nation with a huge improvement in public administration for the wealth of the whole community thanks to better infrastructures and services.

However, which is the influence of the law in achieving these economic and social goals? The answer has certainly to be found in the fundamental position of the **rule law** with respect to a good governance and to effective institutions. It, indeed, "*defines the shape of a country and of its society and helps it to grow in a sustainable way*" and in order to do so, it needs to be helped by the **Justice system** to improve the living conditions of the people. If a mismatch between law and justice occurs, a good governance won't be enough to overcome the problems of a developing society; this being the case of Indonesia where many divorced women couldn't demonstrate to be households and couldn't get the access to several services offered by the state because of a "lack of justice" in the bureaucracy of their country which did not recognize them as such.

In conclusion, as many other professors told us during these months of personal growth, also Enzo De Laurentiis remarked the importance of the slogan: "*Think globally, act locally*" that for us is becoming more an essential challenge rather than a simple quote.

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