



Prof. Amedeo Amato

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Professor Amato graduated in Economics and Commerce from the University of Genoa in 1965. In 1969, as winner of the prestigious Gulbenkian fellowship, he completed his training at Cambridge University. In the following years he carried out his teaching and research activity at the University of Genoa, rising to become Professor of Economic and Financial Policy in 1980 and, subsequently, Professor Emeritus in 2013. He was director of the Institute of Economics of the University of Genoa from 1981 to 1999, and then, from its establishment in 1999 until 2012, he led the Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods of that same University.

Professor Amato succeeded in combining his highly successful academic career with important roles at leading economic institutions and bodies in our region. He was president of the Cassa di Risparmio di Savona bank and a member of the Council of the Savona Chamber of Commerce for the credit and insurance sector. He was director of the Carige Foundation, with responsibility for liquidity management, vice president, with full operational powers for financial and real estate investments, of the Gerolamo Gaslini Foundation, director of Gaslini Sviluppo, vice president of the Germana Gaslini International Center for Studies and Training, president of the Amga

Foundation, director of the Piaggio Foundation. Finally, for many years he acted as a consultant on behalf of the Genoese headquarters of Confindustria dealing with financial issues, as he also did for many private and public companies, including publicly listed ones.

Despite these numerous and demanding commitments, Prof. Amato directed for 25 years (from 1996 to 2021) *Economia Internazionale/International Economics*, maintaining the standards of high quality and preserving the ideals that motivated its foundation in 1948 by the, then, President of the Genoa Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Francesco Manzitti, and some of the most important Italian economists of the time, in particular Einaudi and Bresciani-Turroni. At its foundation *Economia Internazionale* vigorously supported the views of the advocates of free trade and the theoretical principles underlying it.

The journal continued to uphold this view and to adhere to those same principles throughout the period that it was guided by Professor Amato. Today it remains Italy's only scientific journal specifically dedicated to international economics.

In addition to the journal, Prof. Amato also collaborated with the Institute for International Economics of the Genoa Chamber of Commerce in the organization of round tables and conferences such as those associated with the awarding of the prizes entitled "Francesco Manzitti" and "Economia Internazionale", respectively aimed at recognizing an entrepreneur and an economist for their merits in the field of internationalization.

The acuteness with which Prof. Amato directed *Economia Internazionale* was grounded in his intense research activity. Taking on the editorship of the journal he had, in fact, reoriented his research themes to the analysis of real and financial international aspects (such as volumes No. 2/2002 on International Trade and Growth, 2/2003 on International Financial Crises, or 2/2010 on Globalization and Growth) and dedicated himself to deepening these research themes with a passion in which it was difficult to separate the love for research from his fascination with *Economia Internazionale*, an enthusiasm which he had already demonstrated earlier in his career when he collaborated with the director of the time, Prof. Orlando D'Alauro.