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On the Occasion of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Italian patriot Giuseppe Mazzini ,
The Embassy of Italy in Canberra, in collaboration with The National Europe Centre
at The Australian National University, invite you to:

CONFERENCE ON LIFE AND WORK OF GIUSEPPE MAZZINI

by Professor Antonio Pagliaro , Latrobe University

on Thursday 20 October 2005 at 5pm, at the NATIONAL EUROPE CENTRE
1 Liversidge Street, 67C (parking available in Balmain Lane, behind Liversidge Street)
The Australian National University

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Italian patriot
Giuseppe Mazzini (1805-1872) the Embassy of Italy has organized
a conference on his life and work with the participation of Professor
Antonio Pagliaro (Latrobe University).

In an era when terrorism and violence remain topical on the political agenda, Mazzini's crusade for the unity and independence of Italy via intellectual persuasion and revolution, retains a contemporary relevance which is perhaps disturbing. During the course of his life, Mazzini stirred highly contrasting emotions with many of his opponents considering him a totally irresponsible promoter of sanguinary acts, whilst his supporters endowed him with a quasi-religious aura. This lecture will consider the events and activities on which his reputation depended and how it has been re-worked since his death. Giuseppe Mazzini, was not only an Italian patriot and political thinker who fought for the independence of the country under a republican system, but he is also considered one of the most ardent believers in the ideals of European Unity.

Antonio Pagliaro is a senior lecturer in Italian at La Trobe University. While his interests range from the Trecento to the twentieth century, he has given particular interest to the nineteenth century working not only on Mazzini's follower and biographer Jessie White Mario; on Silvio Pellico and on Raffaello Carboni - the eccentric patriot of Eureka Stockade fame - but also on the nineteenth century Swiss-Italians of the Victorian Goldfields.

For further information regarding Giuseppe Mazzini's conference:
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This lecture is free and open to the public, please feel free to pass this
invitation on to anyone who may be interested.