



## LECTURE

### SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

## *INAUGURAL GIORGIO LA PIRA DISTINGUISHED LECTURE BY HE ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF*

Organiser:

**Fabrizio Tassinari** | European University Institute

Venue: Palazzo Incontri, Via dei Pucci 1, Firenze

**25 OCTOBER 2019**

### INTRODUCTION

Honoring the life and work of Giorgio La Pira, the visionary mayor of Florence, advocate for peace, social justice and dialogue among civilizations, the EUI School of Transnational Governance and Fondazione CR Firenze are pleased to welcome HE Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, to deliver the inaugural Distinguished Giorgio La Pira Lecture.

Mrs Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected 24<sup>th</sup> President of Liberia: the first elected woman head of state in Africa. She was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with Leymah Gbowee of Liberia and Tawakkol Karman of Yemen. The three women were recognized “for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women’s rights to full participation in peace-building work”. Mrs Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize by Indian President Pranab Mukherjee on 12 September 2013. In 2016, she was listed as the 83<sup>rd</sup> most powerful woman in the world by *Forbes* magazine.

The Lecture opens a broad strategic outreach of the EUI and STG to Africa, facilitating access of African students to the forthcoming Master in Transnational Governance, as well as a dedicated executive training program for future African leaders. Mrs Johnson Sirleaf’s Lecture will touch upon issues of human security, sustainable development, education and gender governance in Africa and beyond and engage with the EUI and the broader public in a conversation on how to advance these goals. The Programme is made possible thanks to the support of the Fondazione CR Firenze.



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## PROGRAMME

- 17.00 - 17.15 Institutional Greetings  
**Luigi Salvadori** | President, Fondazione CR Firenze  
**Renaud Dehousse** | President, European University Institute
- 17.15 - 17.45 Human security, sustainable development, education and gender governance in Africa and beyond  
**Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** | Former President of Liberia (2006-2018) and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2011)  
Moderator:  
**Stefano Polli** | Deputy Director, ANSA
- 17.45 - 18.30 Questions & Answers
- 18.30 - 19.30 *Drinks Reception*