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'From greenhouse effect to climate control Scientific, economic, and political aspects of global warming'

Saturday November 29th, 2003 10.00 a.m. Palazzo delle Stelline – Sala E Corso Magenta 61 Milan Italy

On December 1-12, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UN FCCC) will hold its ninth Conference of Parties (COP9) in Milan (Italy).

Kyoto Protocol requires a substantial reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by countries listed in the "Annex I" to the Protocol. It will be enforced on the 91st day after at least 55 countries (among those who signed UN FCCC) have ratified **i**, provided that such countries account for at least 55 percent of global carbon emissions from the baseline year (1990). While the European Union is a strong supporter of the Kyoto Protocol, United States President George Bush made it clear that he isn't willing to ratify the Protocol. At the World Climate Change Conference in Moscow (September 29th-October 3rd, 2003), Russia announced it will not ratify the Protocol.

Thus, COP9 is crucial: there the Kyoto Protocol will be adopted or rejected, and, in the former case, a way will be found to do it despite Russia's and US's opposition. It is important, then, to consider all the possible results of Kyoto and other climate control measures: particularly, to compare their costs and expected (but definitely not certain) benefits.

This conference is aimed at understanding the reasons for skepticism.

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Conference Programme.

10.00	Welcome address:
	Alberto Mingardi (IBL)
	Riccardo Cascioli (CESPAS)
	Renato Angelo Ricci (The Italian Physics Society, honorary president)
10.30	Panel 1: The Science
	Major Fabio Malaspina (Italian Air Force)
	S. Fred Singer (University of Virginia)
	Dominic Standish (journalist)
	Klaus Heiss (High Frontier Foundation)
Chairman:	Franco Battaglia (University of Roma 3)
12.30	Lunch.
14.30	Panel 2: The Economics
	Antonio Gaspari (CESPAS)
	Emilio Gerelli (University of Pavia)
	Kendra Okonski (International Policy Network, Sustainable Development Director)
	Margo Thorning (International Council for Capital Formation, Managing Director)
Chairman:	Julian Morris (International Policy Network, Director)
15.45	Coffee break
16.15	Panel 3: The Politics
	Franco Debenedetti (The Democratic Left)
	Benedetto Della Vedova (The Radical Party)
	Vittorio Emanuele Falsitta (Forza Italia Party)
	Fred Smith (Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC)
Chairman:	Carlo Stagnaro (IBL, Free Market Environmentalism Director)
17.45	Conclusions