

Professor Giancarlo Elia Valori

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Economics was conferred upon Professor Giancarlo Elia Valori at a special ceremony held on 8 November 2002. Professor Valori is a distinguished Italian economist who has made outstanding contributions to world economics, international relations and peace.



Professor Valori giving the occasional address at the ceremony, *photo*, 'The University of Sydney News', 22 November 2002, University of Sydney Archives.

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Presented by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown:

Chancellor, I have the honour to present Professor Giancarlo Elia Valori, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, for the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (*honoris causa*).

Giancarlo Valori was born in Venice in 1940. He is probably unique in the contemporary world having been appointed to important academic positions at universities on five continents. From 1965-1969, he was a lecturer in Finance and Economic policies at Bologna University and then from 1970-1977, he was a lecturer in International Relations at Schiller College in Paris. He also lectured at Buenos Aires University from 1968-1976 and from 1978-1986 he lectured on Integration and the Economics of Latin American countries in the Faculty of Economics at Rome University. He has also been a lecturer at the Denver University, Institute of Economic Research.

In 1995, he was appointed to the newly constituted Chair of Peace Studies and Regional Cooperation at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is visiting professor of International Relations at Beijing University and in 1998 was appointed Director of that University's Chinese-European Centre for International Relations. He is also Honorary President of the Institute of International Studies at the Academy of Services at Beijing and is co-chairman of the Ben Gurion Foundation at the University of Beijing. Two years ago, he accepted my invitation to be a visiting Professor in our Faculty of Economics and Business.

Professor Valori has contributed for over thirty years in key policy areas affecting international economic relations. From 1968-1975, he could be found assisting the Secretary-General of DEPAL (the United Nations Commission for Latin American Countries), and taking part in economic studies in Argentina and Mexico. During the earlier part of this period, from 1969-1971, he co-operated with the IMF on the problems of currency exchange and reforms of the international monetary system. He has been invited by UN Secretary Generals since the 1970's to work on problems associated with globalisation and the framework of a "new economic order". He has published many books and articles on these critical issues.

Professor Valori has also worked as a well focussed European leader in developing economic, cultural and social connections between Italy and other nations. He has been for over twenty years the Secretary of the Institute for International Relations in Rome. He has written many important memoranda and articles on international affairs. He has had a life long interest in the Middle East and has published a biography of David Ben Gurion.

Professor Valori has combined international public service and academic endeavour with a succession of increasingly important executive positions in the Italian corporate world, especially highway construction and operations. He is the Chairman of Autostrada SpA, the principal Italian operation in this sector. He is also chairman of the Union of Industrialists of Rome and Lazio and is a high official in the Manufacturers Association for the Region of Lazio and Rome.

Through these connections, particularly in Rome, Professor Valori has come to know Australia. He has become a great advocate of Australia as an open and innovative society, strategically placed in the global economy to be a bridge joining Europe, the Pacific basin and Asia. He is committed to fostering even closer connections and understanding between these regions as part of achieving a more stable and peaceful world in the post September 11 environment.

Professor Valori has received international recognition and accolades for his contribution to economics and international relations. In 1992 François Mitterrand made him a Knight of the Legion d'Honneur. Recently in Rome, Prime Minister John Howard invested Professor Valori as an officer in the Order of Australia. In 1993 the UN International Immigrants Foundation awarded him the International Prize for Culture for his work aimed at strengthening the social-cultural relationship between Europe and China. He has honorary doctorates from several universities in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

Chancellor, I present to you, GIANCARLO ELIA VALORI