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SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Chevy Chase Village Hall

5906 Connecticut Ave NW, Chevy Chase, MD 20815



“SPOKEN ITALIAN TODAY: REGIONAL LANGUAGE VARIATION IN CONTEMPORARY ITALY”

The 18th edition of **the Week of the Italian Language in the World** (15 to 21 October 2018) is dedicated to the theme “Italian and the web, social networks for the Italian Language”.

On this occasion, Prof. Corso will present the contemporary linguistic situation in Italy, in a sociolinguistic perspective, after an introduction to the history of Italian, the so-called *Questione della lingua*.

Over the last sixty years the percentage of people who speak Italian in virtually all situations and social contexts has grown from about 50% to more than 90%, but with various degrees of deviation from the standard form depending on regional origin, social status and education of individual speakers. The problem of which Italian variation to teach will also be addressed, with reference to contemporary views of the *Questione della lingua*: Italian in the media and on the Internet or Social media.

Prof. Sandro Corso is currently the Education Office Director at the Italian Consulate General in Chicago, with the mission of monitoring, promoting and supporting the Italian language programs in the Italian Consular jurisdiction of Chicago. He previously worked in the school management for Italian Education Ministry, and was Professor of Italian literature and Sociolinguistics at the University of Edinburgh and UCL-Un. College London. He graduated in Modern Languages and Italian Literature at the University of Cagliari. He holds an M.A. in Linguistics and Teaching theory from University of Venice Ca' Foscari and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from University of Edinburgh, UK.



KIDS WORKSHOP with Fiorenza: “THE FUN OF LEARNING ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND REGIONAL TRADITIONS.” Children 5-11 will be entertained while learning, in the adjacent room, at the same time.

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