



David Sassoli Degree Prize – 2023 Edition

“We must have the strength to relaunch our integration process and transform our Union so that it is able to be more responsive to the needs of our citizens and provide real answers to their concerns and their ever-increasing sense of loss. Every day, inside and outside the EU, we must defend and promote our core principles of liberty, dignity, and solidarity.” With these words, which were part of a passionate and powerful speech in support of Europe and the democratic values for which it stands, David Sassoli officially took office as President of the European Parliament in 2019.

David Maria Sassoli was an Italian journalist who served as a European MP for the Democratic Party for three consecutive terms, serving as Vice-President of the European Parliament from 2014 to 2019 (VIII parliamentary term) and President of the EP from 2019 until his death in 2022, during the IX legislature.

One year after his death, Luiss Guido Carli joins the CRUL project **“Il Presidente del Parlamento Europeo David Sassoli: l’unità dell’Europa, la dignità della persona”** (“The President of the European Parliament David Sassoli: the unity of Europe, the dignity of the person”) announces a competition for the award of two theses, each worth 1.000€ for the best theses that, based on an analysis of his intellectual, professional and political biography, have delved into European issues related to the legislative periods of the European Parliament legislatures between 2009 and 2021. The competition aims to commemorate an honest politician who has worked tirelessly to promote respect for human rights, social justice, and the central role of the European Union for future generations.

The competition is open to graduates of Policies and Governance in Europe and in International Relations master’s degree programs at Luiss Guido Carli who will discuss the thesis in one of the sessions of the academic year 2023/2024 achieving the degree of ongoing studies and attaining a grade of not less than 105/110.

Applications for participation must be submitted no later than **noon on 30 April 2025** via the form available online at:

<https://www.luiss.it/studenti/agevolazioni-economiche-e-prestiti/premi-di-laurea>

together with the degree thesis and abstract (maximum 5 pages).

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Applications will be examined by a special committee, which will award the prizes at its own discretion and will be composed of lecturers from the Luiss Guido Carli Faculty appointed by the University.

Rome, 11 September 2023

Luiss Guido Carli University

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The General Manager
Giovanni Lo Storto

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