



ROOTS IN THE FUTURE

Italy Guest of Honour 2024
Frankfurt Book Fair

PRESS RELEASE

Book Fair 2024, Italy Guest of Honour presents itself between the past and the future at the Turin Book Fair (SalTo).

Turin, 9 May 2024 – “1988-2024, Italy in Frankfurt: roots and future.” This is the title of the panel organised today at SalTo by Italy Guest of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2024. Dialogue, moderated by Carola Carulli, Tg2 journalist, in the Blue Room and engaged in between Mauro Mazza, Extraordinary Commissioner of the Government for the coordination of activities related to Italy’s participation next October, and Stefano Rolando, former head of the Information and Publishing Department of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and his ‘counterpart’ in 1988. It was a comparison of past and future in the wake of the ‘Roots in the future’ motto chosen for Italy’s participation in the 76th edition of the Book Fair. Just as 36 years ago, the streets of Frankfurt and Turin crossed again: In addition to celebrating the return of Italian culture to the forefront in Frankfurt, 2024 will also be remembered for German being chosen as the Linguistic Guest of Honour at SalTo.

1988 not only the year of Italy’s last participation as the Book Fair’s Guest of Honour, but also the inaugural year of SalTo. The panel was also the venue for a small preview of the editorial programme curated by AIE, which will be announced in the German city on 28 May: Commissioner Mazza revealed that three young, talented authors will be



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part of the panel: Anna Giurickovic Dato, Maddalena Fingerle and Alice Urciuolo, all born after 1988.

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