Those of us who knew Patrick McCarthy have countless fond memories: his conversation was unfailingly original, unexpected and funny, and his brilliance as a teacher was unsurpassed.

Italy was only a part of Patrick’s world. His first love, in point of time at least, was France. In fact, he brought to the study of modern Italy a vision informed by his great knowledge of three or more cultures. Patrick’s first training was in literature, and to judge from the results this gave him a unique grasp of le vécu, life as it is really lived. In Italy, Patrick practiced a kind of instinctive anthropology, or participant observation.

At the Bologna Center, he had time to indulge his immense and varied curiosity about all spheres of Italian life, from football to the relationship between the art critic Roberto Longhi and Pasolini, and to Italian financial manoeuvres. Berlinguer came to occupy a place in his personal Pantheon alongside the heroes of the great age of Welsh rugby football and George Orwell. But his active imagination and his partisanship never dimmed what was essentially a very hardheaded and realistic view of Italian politics.

Patrick McCarthy was an outstanding scholar whose presence will be sorely missed. We are left with a deep regret at the loss of a scholar who was uniquely free from the vices of hide-bound academic specialization. He played a tutto campo.

Adrian Lyttelton, Florence, April 2007

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The portrait of Patrick McCarthy by Maurizio Osti on the cover was donated by John Williams and Thomas Row and it hangs in the Patrick McCarthy classroom.

The Bologna Center recently honored Patrick McCarthy by naming a classroom after him, made possible through funds donated by former director Ambassador Stephen Low and his wife, Susan.

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Friday, March 7th, 2008

15.30 INTRODUCTIONS

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16.15 THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM AND PARTIES

From the Partito Comunista to the Partito Democratico

Gianfranco Pasquino
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Wheeler Dealers: Berlusconi in Comparative Perspective

Erik Jones
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Explaining the Crisis of the Italian State.
Patrick McCarthy’s Analysis of the End of the First Republic

Mark Gilbert
Adjunct Professor of European Studies,
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and Associate Professor in Contemporary International History, University of Trento

16.45-17.00 Coffee/Tea break

18.00 POLITICS, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Governing the Italian Economy: A Comparative Perspective

Vera Negri Zamagni
Adjunct Professor of International Economics,
Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center
and Professor of Economic History, University of Bologna

The Church and Catholicism in the Crisis of the Italian State

Alberto Melloni
Vice-secretary, John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies,
Bologna, and Professor of History of Christianity and History of Religions, University of Roma Tre and University of Modena-Reggio Emilia

19.30 Cocktail Reception

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

10.00 Southern Problems: Patrick McCarthy and the Other Italy

John A. Davis
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11.00 ITALY, EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES

Keynote Speech

Sergio Romano
Historian, Journalist, and Ambassador

Commentators:

John L. Harper
Professor of American Foreign Policy and European Studies,
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James Miller
Adjunct Professor, School of Foreign Service,
Georgetown University and Chair, Greek-Cyprus Area Studies
and Italy-Spain-Portugal Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute

18.00 MEMORIES

Patrick and Bologna

Thomas Row
Chair of History, Diplomatiche Akademie, Vienna.
BC Alumnus 1979

Tributes

Veronica McCarthy Pye
Daniel Keohane, BC Alumnus 1998
Seamus Taggart, BC Alumnus 1998
Adrian Lyttelton

15.45-16.00 Coffee/Tea break

16.00 CULTURE AND CULTURES

Is there a European Culture?

David Ellwood
Adjunct Professor of European Studies, Johns Hopkins University
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Popular Passions and Popular Culture

Stephen Gundle
Professor of Film and Television Studies, Warwick University, U.K.

From Alpine Clubs to Baggio and Berlusconi: Italy Reflected through Sport

Aidan Lewis
Journalist - BBC International website. BC Alumnus 2002

18:00 Coffee/Tea break

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break