

PRESS RELEASE

IV Silvia Sandano International Award Conferred to Claus Roxin

The award ceremony for Professor Claus Roxin will take place on November 6, 2009 at the Aula Giulio Cesare of the Municipality of Rome in the Campidoglio building, under the aegis of the Presidency of the Republic of Italy, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Youth. It will be the fourth Silvia Sandano International Award given, which is granted annually to a jurist who has made a particularly distinguished contribution to upholding the law based on the principles of justice and supporting the fundamental rights of others as well as championing a peaceful, disciplined and sympathetic civil approach (www.silviasandano.org).

Roxin, an emeritus professor of penal law at the University of Munich of Bavaria, is highly recognized by the penal science field. He has given one of the greatest contributions on a world wide level.

The award ceremony will take place during a scholarly convention, titled "Authoritarianism and Democracy in Penal Law, Twenty Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall". The meeting has been organized by the Silvia Sandano Association in collaboration with the Sapienza University and the Municipality of Rome. Due to the successful previous editions of the Silvia Sandano Award Ceremony, the event has been included in the official celebrations hosted by the Roman Municipality for the twenty-year anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Previous editions have featured, among others, the President of the Supreme Court of Israel, Aharon Barak and Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, who were both conferred this award.

The following prominent figures will participate in the convention: Professor M. Stile, Professor Gilberto Lozzi, Professor Carlo Fiore, Professor Giovanni Fiandaca, Professor Sergio Moccia, Professor Carlo Enrico Paliero, Professor Filippo Sgubbi, Professor Francesco Palazzo, and the former Vice President of the German Constitutional Court Professor Winfried Hassemer and Professor of penal law at the University of Barcelona, Santiago Mir Puig. The newly awarded jurist will then hold a *lectio magistralis*. The Silvia Sandano Scholarship will be awarded in the afternoon to a young graduate that is particularly deserving.

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