

WELCOME TO THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

OPENING OF THE EUROPEAN BIBFRAME WORKSHOP

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Dear delegates

Welcome (-back-, those of you who enjoyed the tutorial yesterday) to the European University Institute. The EUI is honoured to host the European Bibframe Workshop; I hope that you feel at home during the days of the interchange.

I was tempted to start by saying that I know nothing about 'Bibframe' and many of the technical aspects of the document description processes... then sit down and let the discussions begin. But there is an aspect that invites me to say a few words. And I found the *keyword* in a sentence that Professor Mauro Guerrini used yesterday in his introduction. "*Bibframe is growing thanks to international cooperation*", he said.

"Cooperation" at a (not only, but mainly) European level is part of the DNA of this institution.

The EUI was created in 1976 by, at that time, the six member countries of the European Union.

Today the Institute is the result of a constant cooperation of 23 European Union countries, plus two other European countries (not members of the EU), plus the European Commission, plus many agreements at an international level.

The EUI community is composed of people (professors, researchers and staff) from 60 different nationalities.

So, as director of the Library, I felt like even obliged to be involved and embrace the initiative to receive the European Bibframe Workshop when our friends from Casalini Libri proposed it to the EUI Library.

There is a second reason that it would be remiss of me not to mention; the sponsor of the event -Casalini Libri- and my Library (connected physically by the River Mugnone and the city of Fiesole), we have a long tradition of cooperation. I think that with this initiative is the fifth time in the last three years that we collaborate in the organisation of international forums where libraries, publishing, information technologies and other related topics, are discussed. And, Michele, it is always a pleasure.

So, for those of you that feel fortunate to be in this historical enclave of Villa Salviati (part of the Medici inheritance), be informed that the European University Institute feels even more lucky to have you here.

Thank you very much.

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