

**DE SANCTIS AWARDS
HUMAN RIGHTS**

PRESS RELEASE

Freedom, Democracy: the De Sanctis Foundation awards authoritative figures who have distinguished themselves in defending human rights

Three winning categories for the 2nd edition of the “De Sanctis Award for Human Rights”

On Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 16.00 hrs, in the presence of the First President of the Supreme Court of Cassation Margherita Cassano, the President of the De Sanctis Foundation Francesco De Sanctis and the President of the De Sanctis Award Gianni Letta, the three awardees identified by the Jury will receive their Award Medal at the Palace of Justice. This Jury, chaired by Pietro Curzio, President Emeritus of the Supreme Court of Cassation, is composed of Matteo Piantedosi (Minister of the Interior), Carlo Nordio (Minister of Justice), Giuseppe Valditara (Minister of Education and Merit), Gennaro Sangiuliano (Minister of Culture), Federica Favi (Ambassador of Italy to the Kingdom of Belgium), Pasquale Terracciano (Ambassador), Fabio Pinelli (Deputy President of the Superior Council of the Judiciary), Margherita Cassano (First President of the Supreme Court of Cassation), Guido Carlino (President of the Court of Auditors), Guido Raimondi (President of the Section of the Supreme Court of Cassation), Teo Luzi (Commander General of the Carabinieri), Lamberto Giannini (Prefect of Rome), Gabriella Palmieri Sandulli (Attorney General), Daniele Cabras (Adviser for Legal Affairs and Constitutional Relations of the Presidency of the Republic), Gaetano Caputi (Chief of Cabinet of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers), Luigi Marini (Counsellor of the Supreme Court of Cassation), Corrado Augias (Journalist), Giovanna Botteri (Rai Correspondent in Paris), Alessandra Dal Moro (Magistrate), Stefano Lucchini (Chief of Institutional Affairs and External Communication Office, Intesa San Paolo Bank), Angelo Sticchi Damiani (President of the Automobile Club of Italy).

The Human Rights Award was established following the 10th anniversary of the Essay Award, the year in which the De Sanctis Foundation has chosen to broaden its scope of interest to other disciplines: social health, economic sciences, Europe and, more precisely, human rights. The objective of the De Sanctis Award for Human Rights is to identify individuals who aim to guarantee Human Rights, i.e. the inalienable rights of man, to all members of a community.

The initiative is promoted by the De Sanctis Foundation in collaboration with the Supreme Court of Cassation and with the partnership of Terna S.p.A., ACI, Pro Format Comunicazione and the Athesis publishing group, with the patronage of RAI Broadcasting Corporation.

Winners of the De Sanctis Award / Human Rights 2023

Award to a Book

I Diritti dell’Uomo (Human Rights)

By Louis Henkin with an introduction by Giuliano Amato (Treccani, 2023)

Award to an Association

Rondine Cittadella della Pace (World House of Rondine)

Founded and chaired by Franco Vaccari

Award to an Institution

Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice of Ghana (CHRAJ)

Chaired by Akanjolenur Joseph Whittal

Extract of the Award Justification by DANIELE CABRAS

“The Commission distinguishes itself through its close collaboration with United Nations institutions (particularly the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) and the European Union. It actively participates in initiatives promoting human rights and implementing development programs. Notable instances include its involvement in the regional consultation of national human rights institutions in West Africa in May 2019, coordinated by the United Nations, and its participation in the celebratory event for International Human Rights Day organized by the European Union Delegation in Ghana in December 2022”.