

**Holy See Pavilion at the
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LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA 2024**

Biographies

Commissioner

Cardinal José Tolentino del Mendonça

Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, (Machico, Madeira, Portugal, 1965), is Cardinal and Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education. A longstanding University Professor, he is the author of both an extensive theological nonfiction production and of an impressive poetic oeuvre for which he is considered one of the most original voices in Portuguese literature. He has previously served as Archivist and Librarian of the Holy Roman Church (2018-2022). He prioritizes the dialogue between Christianity and the contemporary world.

Curators

Chiara Parisi

Chiara Parisi, an art historian born in Rome, is the Director of the Centre Pompidou-Metz. After completing her PhD at La Sapienza University in Rome, she taught History of Modern and Contemporary Art as well as History of Architecture and of Industrial Design. She previously directed the Monnaie de Paris and the International Center for Art and Landscape on Vassivière Island in France

Bruno Racine

Bruno Racine is the Director of Palazzo Grassi - Punta della Dogana. He has previously managed leading cultural institutions such as the Centre Georges Pompidou and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France. He is the author of a substantial number of works of literature including numerous books on Italy, a country that he knows very well and which language he strongly defends. He directed the Academy of France in Rome from 1997 to 2002, opening Villa Medici to contemporary art and Italian artists.

Hans Ulrich Obrist

Hans Ulrich Obrist, born in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1968, is the Artistic Director of London's Serpentine Galleries. He was previously a curator at Paris' Musée d'Art Moderne. Since his first exhibition *World Soup (The Kitchen Show)* in 1991, he has curated over 350 exhibitions. These include highlights such as the *Do It* series (starting in 1993 and still ongoing), *Take Me (I'm Yours)* (London 1995, Paris 2015, New York 2016 and Milan 2017) and the Swiss Pavilion at the 14th Venice Architecture Biennale (2014).

Institutional partner

Head of the Department of Prison Administration

Dott. Giovanni Russo

President Giovanni Russo graduated in Law, cum laude, from the Federico II University of Naples. He joined Magistracy in 1985, serving first as Pretore di Castrovillari and later as Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Court of Naples, where he dealt with financial crimes, prompting the creation of the "economic crime" section.

From 1994 to 2002 he was a member of the Anti-Mafia District Directorate of Naples and later a consultant to the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into the mafia or similar organized crime situation.

In May 2009 he became Deputy Prosecutor of the National Anti-Mafia Directorate and in 2016 he was designated Deputy Prosecutor and then Deputy National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor until 2023.

He was coordinator for the DNA of the Technological Resources Service, the International Cooperation Service and the Service for Countering Mafia and Terrorist Organized Crime Assets; he was also coordinator of the Cosa Nostra, Foreign Mafias Sections and the International Terrorism Subsection.

He has been National Correspondent of Eurojust and liaison for the European Judicial Network for DNA.

An Adjunct Lecturer in Universities, he spoke at numerous conferences and study meetings.

In January 2023, he was appointed Head of the Department of Prison Administration.