# GUIDO LENZI Ambassador (ret.)

Born in 1941; graduated in law at the University of Florence; joined the Foreign Service in 1964. Was posted in Algiers, Lausanne, London and Moscow, before serving for over twenty years in a series of multilateral diplomatic assignments, as head of the NATO Desk at the Foreign Ministry, Minister Counsellor at the Italian Mission to the UN, Director of the WEU (now EU) Institute for Security Studies in Paris, and finally Permanent Representative to the OSCE in Vienna.

He was also appointed Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Defence, Deputy Chief of Cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Senate, and Diplomatic Advisor to two successive Ministers of Interior.

After retiring, he has published extensively in foreign policy magazines. He has held the chair of International Relations at the University of Valle d’Aosta, and presently teaches “Diplomatic practice” at the University of Bologna. He has edited two books of diplomatic memoirs and just published an extended essay, “Internazionalismo Liberale: attori e scenari del mondo globale”.