

Ferdinando Nelli Feroci

Ferdinando Nelli Feroci is president of the Istituto Affari Internazionali.

A career diplomat from 1972 to 2013, he was Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union in Brussels (2008-2013), Chief of Staff (2006-2008) and Director General for European Integration (2004-2006) at the Foreign Ministry.

Previously he had served in New York at the United Nations, in Algiers, in Paris and in Beijing. He has also been diplomatic advisor to the vice-president of the Council of Ministers (1998), adjunct professor at the Istituto Universitario Orientale of Naples (1989), at the LUISS School of Government and fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (1985-86).

In June 2014 he was designated European Commissioner in the Commission chaired by Manuel Barroso to replace Antonio Tajani, a position he held until the end of the Commission's mandate on 1 November 2014.

He was president of Simest (2014-2015), member of the board of directors of Atlantia (2019-2022), co-president of the Scientific Committee of the Conference on the future of Europe (2021-2022). He is a member of the Board of Directors of ISPI and of the Steering Committee of SIOI. He is the author of numerous articles and essays on international relations, European affairs and political science.