



The Consulate General of Italy in Chicago, Education Office,
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are delighted to present a webinar on:

The use of current events and social media in the Italian class

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The session aims to give participating teachers practical ideas on using current events and social media to develop language activities with increasing levels of difficulty. The suggestions aim to show how to utilize posts and trending topics to create original lessons and fun activities based on authentic material from the web and social media. Web-based current events, fun facts and viral news on social media are not only a familiar environment for students, but they also often represent a relevant testimony of the socio-cultural reality in Italy. The suggested ideas and lessons will thus show how the use of such material helps students acquire a deeper linguistic and cultural awareness in an engaging and fun way. The practical suggestions will also include tips on how to design original vertical lessons that involve all four skills and the cultural elements in the lesson and build the language competence all the way from beginning to advanced level, where the socio-cultural themes are the heart of the syllabus. At the end of the presentation, participating teachers will receive a copy of the lessons.

La presentazione intende fornire delle idee su come utilizzare le notizie e i social media nelle attività linguistiche di livello di competenza crescente. L'obiettivo è mostrare dei suggerimenti su come creare lezioni originali e attività divertenti e coinvolgenti usando curiosità e notizie virali sul web, che rappresentano non solo un terreno familiare per gli studenti, ma spesso sono anche lo specchio di aspetti socio-culturali della realtà italiana. Inoltre, saranno presentate alcune lezioni verticali che includono tutte e quattro le abilità linguistiche e l'elemento culturale, dal livello elementare a quello avanzato, dove i temi della realtà socio-culturale sono il cuore del programma. Alla fine della sessione, i partecipanti riceveranno una copia delle lezioni mostrate.



If you would like to participate, please fill out the registration form [here](#) by March 24 or write to: marina.lenza@esteri.it



About the presenter:

Professoressa Pennasilico is a member of AATI (American Association of Teachers of Italian), has been a member of the Advanced Placement Exam Planning Committee and has been an AP reader for years. Ms. Pennasilico has a vast experience presenting workshops in Italian pedagogy. She presented in several teachers' trainings and conventions (at her own school, at College Board Advanced Placement Conventions, AP Summer Institutes, at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and several Universities in the United States). She really enjoys sharing her ideas, energy, lessons and techniques with her colleagues around the world. Please visit this website link to view some of the sessions and workshops Ms. Pennasilico presented and the related topics. <http://www.robortapennasilico.it/index.php/professional-background/invited-talks-presentations>