



PRELIMINARY INVITATION

	<p>Istituto Italiano di Cultura Vancouver</p>	<p>ROUND-TABLE ON ITALIAN DESIGN 6:00pm TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 2010 EMILY CARR THEATRE</p>	 <p>emily carr university of art + design</p>
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On the occasion of the presence in Vancouver of the Farnesina Design Collection, on **Tuesday, February 9**, a **round-table** event will take place at the **Emily Carr University of Art and Design**, with the participation of the curators of the exhibition, of leading designers, industrialists and academicians from both Italy and Canada. The theme of the event will be the **cultural value of design, with particular focus on the issue of sustainability**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In November 2009, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy inaugurated a prestigious new collection of Italian design that will be permanently on view in the premises of the Ministry. Named after the building where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is hosted, the "Farnesina Design Collection" comprises fifteen different areas of design, featuring objects and drawings created by designers of the calibre of Gaetano Pesce, Stefano Giovannoni, Cini Boeri or Gae Aulenti, and produced by some 20 leading Italian companies, including Artemide, Ducati, Knoll, and Venini.

An important selection of objects from this collection will be exhibited during the Olympic Winter Games of Vancouver 2010 within the premises of Casa Italia, in the Roundhouse Community Centre, and will be open to the general public from February 9 to the 28. For more information, visit the website of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura: www.iicvancouver.esteri.it

WHAT: Round-table on Italian design and sustainability

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 pm

WHERE: Emily Carr University Theatre, South Building, 1399 Johnston Street, Granville Island

Admission is free. No pre-registration is required. First-come, first-served.

Refreshments will follow

The event is organized by the Istituto Italiano di Cultura and by the Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver, in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in Ottawa, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Alenia North America, ICE-Italian Trade Commission, and the Emily Carr University of Art and Design.