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Seminarians at Lake Como

## ALIA CELEBRATES JUNIOR FELLOWS SEMINARS

March 2011 marked the fifth anniversary of the Values and Society Seminar for young Italian leaders, organized by the Aspen Italia Junior Fellows Program in collaboration with the Institute's Seminars department. Held twice each spring near Rome and Como, the Values and Society Seminar—based on the classic Aspen Seminar but tailored for an Italian audience—challenges young leaders to reflect on the good society and values-based leadership. Since 2007, the Seminar has drawn more than 225 leaders from academia, medicine, nonprofits, media, and government. While most participants are Italia Junior Fellows, 30 percent come from abroad, including India, Japan, Nigeria, Russia, and the United States. “The diversity of experience and expertise among participants is crucial to the learning experience,” says **Francesco Leopardi Dittaiuti**, who manages the Junior Fellows Program. This year, alumni of the Seminar gathered for a new discussion: Leadership, Globalization, and the Quest for Common Values. “These Aspen Italia Seminars have become an important point of intersection, not only for young Italian leaders,” says **Todd Breyfogle**, director of seminars at the Institute, “but for global alumni of the Aspen Seminar.” **Lucio Stanca**, vice chairman of Aspen Italia and member of the Italian Parliament, agrees: “Attending the Aspen Seminar was an extraordinary opportunity ... to reflect on the complexities of the contemporary world.”