

**The Institute of International Education (IIE) West Coast Center**

**Presents:**

**Federico Rampini**  
**“India’s Hope”**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

**Reception: 5:30 pm**

**Presentation: 6:15pm**

**Honorable B.S. Prakash, Consul General of India, Closing Remarks**

**Hotel Nikko,**

**222 Mason Street, San Francisco, Peninsula room (25<sup>th</sup> floor)**

If there is a place where hope resides in the youth, it is India. About 70% of Indians are younger than 35. In future years the greatest increase of the world population will be in India. In less than 20 years India's GDP will be larger than that of all European countries combined. Federico Rampini will take us on a journey through a country that has been able to transform and modernize itself in just two generations while preserving most of its rich human, historical and spiritual heritage. He will take us to modern India, the India of high tech and biotech and the scientists and entrepreneurs who are behind it. He will guide us through the democratic, pluralistic and cosmopolitan India where over 1 billion people coexist, sometimes with difficulty. And finally he will introduce us to India's magnificent culture and history. Federico Rampini will show us India through his attentive journalist's eyes and with his renowned wit and charm will invite us to discover the multiple faces of this fascinating country.

**Federico Rampini** is the Asia Chief Correspondent, and senior columnist on global issues, of the Italian daily newspaper La Repubblica. He has taught at the University of California Berkeley and he is now Visiting Professor at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. In 2005 he received the Luigi Barzini Prize as the best Italian journalist of the year. His most recent books, "The Chinese Century," "The Empire of Chindia" and "India's Hope" have been acclaimed bestsellers in Italy.

**Seating is limited. RSVP by March 17 is required.** Please contact:  
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