



LEOLUCA ORLANDO

*President of the Sicilian Renaissance Institute
Member of the Italian Parliament
Former Mayor of Palermo, former Member of the European and Sicilian Regional Parliaments
Promoter of a worldwide net of Culture and economy of human rights*

Leoluca Orlando was born in Palermo in 1947, is married and has two daughters. A lawyer and Professor of Regional Public Law at the University of Palermo.

He studied and lived for some years in Heidelberg, in the Federal Republic of Germany

He worked as international consultant for OECD in Paris

From 1978 to 1980, as legal advisor to Piersanti Mattarella, President of the Sicilian Region, until he was killed by the Mafia in 1980.

Political activity

In 1985 became Mayor of Palermo.

In 1991 was elected in the Movement for Democracy "La Rete" (found by himself) to the Sicilian Regional Parliament and to the Italian National Parliament in 1992.

In 1993, in the first direct mayoral elections ever held in Italy, he was elected Mayor of Palermo with 75% of the votes.

In 1994 he was elected Deputy to the European Parliament, where he was Vice President of the Committee for the entry of Malta into the European Union; member of the Committee for Public Liberties and Home Affairs; member of the Committee for Regional Politics; and substitute member of the Committee for Safety and Disarmament.

On the mayoral direct elections of November 1997, Orlando was confirmed Mayor of Palermo.

In December 2000 he resigned from his office as mayor in order to run for the regional elections of June 2001, where he received about one million votes and was elected member of the Sicilian Parliament and minority leader.

In April 2006 MP with Italia dei Valori.

2006 - 2008 President of the Commission of the Italian Parliament for Regional Affairs.

2008 MP with Italia dei Valori.

Since 2009 he is the President of the Commission of inquiry in sanity's field in the Italian Parliament.