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Jerusalem — Field headquarters for Middle Eastern research, institutional dialogue, and international cooperation (2022–2025).

Building organisations and strategic partnerships across research, culture, enterprise, and international cooperation. A proven track record of founding ventures, directing multi-stakeholder programmes, and translating complex intellectual vision into deliverable institutional and commercial projects.

CORPUS INTERNATIONAL	FONDAZIONE LE IDEE DI CHICCO	ALTRI SUD
Co-Founder & Director European–Mediterranean Partnerships	Director General Neuroscience & Institutional Strategy	Co-Founder & Co-Director Cultural & Territorial Venture

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02 / PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Bridging strategic vision, institutions, and execution

Simone Eligio Tropea is an institutional executive, venture founder, and philosopher (PhD, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid) operating at the intersection of enterprise development, scientific research, education, and international cooperation. **His distinctive value lies in deploying rigorous philosophical and geopolitical analysis as a practical driver for strategic positioning, complex stakeholder alignment, and durable organisational governance.**

Through sustained leadership across Jerusalem (2022–2025), Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America, he has built an active cross-sector network spanning universities, ecclesiastical institutions, foundations, enterprises, and public bodies. He oversees initiatives end-to-end—from conceptual architecture and partner negotiation to resource mobilisation, governance design, and operational delivery.

> **EXECUTIVE VALUE PROPOSITION**
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> Translating high-level cultural, scientific, and ethical vision into bankable institutional architectures, cross-border commercial partnerships, and accountable multi-stakeholder governance.

Current executive responsibilities

- **CORPUS INTERNATIONAL — Co-Founder and Director (since 2023):** Founded and positioned an international advisory and cultural platform connecting European and Mediterranean partners; structured commercial, academic, and ecumenical agreements, international conferences, and executive educational programmes.
- **FONDAZIONE LE IDEE DI CHICCO — Director General (since November 2025):** Leads institutional strategy, scientific partnerships, public-private funding pipelines (including a €2M government-backed national neuroscience initiative), and multi-stakeholder programme delivery.
- **ALTRI SUD — Co-Founder and Co-Director (since 2026):** Developing a cultural project-design venture and institutional consultancy platform focused on sustainable territorial and Mediterranean partnerships.

Core executive and entrepreneurial capabilities

- **Venture & Operating-Model Design:** Conception, strategic positioning, governance structuring, and scalable service architecture.
- **International Partnership Origination:** Counterparty qualification, cross-cultural negotiation, and commercial/institutional agreement structuring.
- **Institutional & Public-Private Governance:** Alignment of public bodies, universities, private enterprises, foundations, and religious institutions.
- **Resource Mobilisation & Programme Delivery:** Budgeting, grant and sponsorship pipelines, international event direction, and cross-border team leadership.

Professional continuity

Earlier leadership roles include President of Scuola Nazionale Giovani Liberi e Forti in Rome (2016–2020), Project Manager for adult education and cultural initiatives in Asturias, Spain (2011–2015), international cooperation programmes in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador (2011–2015), and social reintegration initiatives with Salesiani per il Sociale in Rome.

03 / CORPUS INTERNATIONAL

Purpose-driven governance, ecumenism, and enterprise



Simone Eligio Tropea with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Antalya, May 2025.

Corpus International translates philosophical and anthropological research into practical frameworks for business governance, cross-border partnerships, and institutional cooperation. Its core proposal—the ***Eucharistic model of enterprise***—conceives an organisation as a living, interdependent community of people, expertise, and shared responsibility.

In operational and managerial terms, this translates into ethical corporate governance, equitable value distribution, mutual accountability among partners, and long-term economic sustainability oriented toward the common good. Its ecumenical and intercultural approach creates a credible platform for collaboration across traditions and business cultures, grounding agreements in competence, transparency, and verifiable commitments.

The project was articulated at the international congress *Economy, Eucharist, Ecology: Building the Civilization of Love* (*Economia, Eucaristia, Ecologia. Costruire la civiltà dell'amore*), developed with the University of Calabria and ecclesiastical partners, and further elaborated in Tropea's monograph *Corpus: Costruire la Civiltà dell'Amore*.

Corpus International's flagship international event was *Restarting from Nicaea: The Importance of the Incarnation in Contemporary Theology*, held in Antalya, Türkiye, on 6–7 May 2025, marking the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council. Conceived and coordinated by Tropea through Corpus International under the patronage of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and in collaboration with the Holy Metropolis of Pisidia, the congress gathered scholars, leaders, and representatives from 13 countries across Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions, opening with an address by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. Serving as Congress Secretary, Tropea directed its international coordination, institutional relations, and logistics.

Selected references

- ↗ Restarting from Nicaea — first-person account and event photographs
- ↗ Nuova Costruttività — congress presentation
- ↗ World Council of Churches — conference coverage

04 / FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

Fondazione Le Idee di Chicco

As Director General, Tropea leads the Foundation's strategic, scientific, and institutional development in the fields of mental health, brain research, neuroscience, prevention, and support for young people and families. His mandate bridges scientific governance, public institutions, and operational execution.



Inauguration and blessing of the Foundation's headquarters, with Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa and the Foundation's Board, Cosenza, February 2026.

Scientific and institutional partnerships

On 2 December 2025, at the Italian Senate (Sala Koch), the Foundation, the University of Calabria (UNICAL), and the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) formally launched the *Centro Nazionale per la Salute del Cervello e le Neuroscienze Avanzate – Francesco Occhiuto*. Supported by **€2 million in funding from the Italian Government**, the initiative establishes a national hub integrating advanced neuroscience research, clinical prevention, and community outreach. Tropea coordinates stakeholder alignment, partnership agreements, and institutional implementation.

Flagship programmes and public impact

- **MENTE GIOVANE —** A 12-month structured programme focused on youth mental health, early prevention, and educational awareness.
- **SCUOLA GENITORI —** An ongoing educational framework supporting parents and families through specialist workshops and community partnerships.
- **CITY AND MENTAL HEALTH —** An international scientific conference and policy dialogue examining the impact of urban environments on mental health and research.

Selected references

↗ RaiNews — presentation of the brain-health centre at the Italian Senate

↗ Fondazione Le Idee di Chicco — official website

05 / INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE

Enterprise, partnerships, and the Mediterranean



Public conversation with Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cosenza, February 2026.

In February 2026, Tropea organised and moderated the official visit of Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, to Calabria. Alongside a major public dialogue in Cosenza, he convened hundreds of Southern Italian entrepreneurs, mobilising concrete philanthropic and business commitments in support of the Christian community in Gaza and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The initiative exemplifies his ability to connect high-level international diplomacy with business communities and tangible social impact.

Altri Sud

As Co-Founder and Co-Director, Tropea is building Altri Sud as a cultural project-design venture and institutional consultancy platform rooted in Southern Italy and the Mediterranean, converting research, territorial intelligence, and networks into commissioned projects and sustainable service models.

↗ Altri Sud — editorial and cultural platform

Enterprise networks and economic organisation

Through his ongoing collaboration with Nuova Costruttività and Happy Network (an established enterprise network spanning ICT, energy, agri-food, and professional services), Tropea connects organisational philosophy with real-world entrepreneurial practice—focusing on inter-firm cooperation, leadership development, and international business expansion.

↗ Nuova Costruttività — philosophical and organisational research

↗ Happy Network — enterprise network

06 / ACADEMIC FORMATION

Philosophy, theology, and management

University degrees

- **PhD in Philosophy (Artes y Humanidades) —** Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid (2020–2024); summa cum laude. Doctoral dissertation: La Teología Extinta.
- **MA in Philosophy —** Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata (2017–2019); 110/110 cum laude.
- **BA in Philosophy —** Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata (2015–2016); 110/110 cum laude.

Postgraduate and executive training

- **Master in Business Management and Human Resources —** W. Academy, Ancona (2021).
- **Master Internacional en Bioética General —** Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid (2018–2019); summa cum laude.
- **Master in Bioetica Clinica —** Sapienza Università di Roma (2016–2017); summa cum laude.
- **Baccalaureate in Theology —** Pontificia Universidad de Salamanca (2012–2015); matrícula de honor.
- **Specialist Theological Studies —** Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome (2016–2018).

Research and intellectual focus

Philosophical anthropology and metaphysics; social and political philosophy; ethics of technology and artificial intelligence; bioethics; philosophy of education; religion, geopolitics, and organisational governance—including three years of field research in Jerusalem on biblical traditions, technology ethics, and contemporary Middle Eastern society.

07 / BOOKS AND RESEARCH

Monographs and selected works

- **Corpus: Costruire la Civiltà dell'Amore. Papa Leone XIV oltre le false alternative.** Teopolitica, 2026.
- **La religione del caos mondiale. Penultima chiamata per l'Europa.** Teopolitica, 2026 (English edition: The Religion of World Chaos. Penultimate Call to Europe, Theopolitics, 2026).
- **Una guerra metafisica. La teologia estinta.** Rubbettino, 2024.
- **Generato e non creato. Mistica e filosofia della nascita.** Aracne, 2021.
- **Il vero problema sono gli stupidi.** Velar, 2018.

08 / JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Geopolitical reporting, analysis, and commentary

Tropea's public scholarship bridges philosophical analysis, bioethics, and frontline geopolitical reporting across conflict-affected and strategic regions:

- **Limes (Italian Review of Geopolitics) —** Essays, field analysis, and high-level diplomatic interviews covering Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Cuba, and the religious dimensions of contemporary geopolitics.
- **Christian Media Center (CMC), Jerusalem (2022–2025) —** Three years of editorial and audiovisual production, combining field reporting, interviews, and documentary direction on Christian communities in the Holy Land.
- **Avvenire —** On-the-ground reporting and geopolitical analysis from Ukraine in 2022 during the opening phase of the Russian full-scale invasion.
- **Formiche.net / Healthcare Policy —** Commentary and policy analysis on healthcare governance, geopolitics, and technological transformation (2020–2022).
- **Further Broadcast & Print Contributions —** RAI (MappaMondi), L'Osservatore Romano, LaC TV / LaC News24, and Il Quotidiano del Sud.

09 / INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Education, cooperation, and public programmes

Previous leadership and project management

- **PRESIDENT — Scuola Nazionale Giovani Liberi e Forti, Rome (2016–2020):** Directed national educational programmes, civic leadership training, digital ethics workshops, and career orientation for university students.
- **PROJECT MANAGER — Salesiani per il Sociale / SCS-CNOS, Rome:** Managed La Roma degli invisibili, designing social reintegration, professional training, and cultural-tourism pathways for vulnerable populations.
- **PROJECT MANAGER — Instituto Melchor de Quirós, Oviedo, Spain (2011–2015):** Led adult literacy, workforce requalification, cultural programming, and community crowdfunding initiatives.
- **COOPERATION PROJECTS — Instituto Pedro Clavel, Quito & Guayaquil, Ecuador (2011–2015):** Coordinated educational, youth, and community development programmes.

International footprint

Professional residence and field assignments across Jerusalem (2022–2025), Paris (2019–2020), England (2018–2019), Madrid (2017–2018), Oviedo (2012–2015), Quito (2011–2012), and Rome, with reporting and institutional missions in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, Cyprus, Ireland, and Hungary.

Languages

- **Native:** Italian
- **Full Professional Proficiency:** Spanish, English, French
- **Working Proficiency:** Portuguese, Romanian, Modern Hebrew
- **Classical / Research Reading:** Latin, Ancient Greek, Elementary Aramaic

10 / PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

International conferences and networks

Tropea regularly convenes and speaks at international academic congresses, institutional forums, and executive roundtables across Europe and the Mediterranean, focusing on governance, artificial intelligence, geopolitics, and purpose-driven enterprise. Selected bibliography and conference records follow in Appendix II; documented media broadcasts and video productions appear in Appendix III.

Selected institutional links

- ↗ Happy Network — organisational and enterprise context
- ↗ Happy Network International — international business development
- ↗ Fondazione / UNICAL / CNR — RaiNews coverage

APPENDIX II / SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY & CONFERENCES

Research, essays, and academic lectures

A. Peer-reviewed articles, book chapters & translations

- **“Apocalittici e disintegrati. Scissione interiore e crisi della salute mentale nella popolazione ebraico-israeliana.”** Limes, no. 5, 2026.
- **“La teología extinta.”** In El ser humano en la ciencia contemporánea, ed. María Lacalle Noriega, Editorial UFV, Madrid, 2023, pp. 121–129.
- **“Identità digitale (?) L’eclissi del soggetto e l’ipotesi della post-cultura.”** Areté, vol. 5/6, 2020–2021, pp. 395–419 (DOI: 10.69138/arete-2531-6249-20210621).
- **Spanish Translations & Editorial Work:** La Cartuja de Pavía (Velar, 2019); Carlo Acutis. Una vida más allá del confín (Velar, 2018).

B. Selected geopolitical essays & interviews

- **“Cuor di Leone: contro gli adoratori di un Cristo in silicio.”** Limes, no. 10, 2026.
- **“«L’America punta al genocidio».”** Interview with Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Limes, no. 8, 2026.
- **“Zanzare e rancore: la rivoluzione ha perso il popolo” & “La Chiesa cubana tra il popolo e Miami.”** Limes, no. 8, 2026.
- **“Messa crismale e petr-olio: una questione di (teo)politica.”** LaC News24, 2 April 2026.

C. Thematic essay series — Sì alla Vita (2017–2019)

Author of over 55 analytical essays covering bioethics, clinical ethics, genetics and CRISPR/Cas9, transhumanism and artificial intelligence, demographic trends, healthcare access, and social policy (complete indexed bibliography available upon request).

- ↗ Limes — complete indexed author archive
- ↗ Formiche.net — indexed author archive
- ↗ Altri Sud — indexed author archive
- ↗ Peer-reviewed research article — DOI

D. Selected academic conferences & invited lectures (2016–2026)

- **2026, June (Athens) —** “Zôon Noetón – Eikón – Lebensform: The Living as the Condition of Meaning.” National and Kapodistrian University of Athens / Nordic Wittgenstein Society.
- **2026, June (Paris) —** “Who Educates When AI Educates? Educational Responsibility in a Dynamic Context.” European Seminars in Philosophy of Education, American University of Paris.

- **2026, May (Reggio Calabria) —** "Altri Sud. Roots, Horizons, Summits." International Conference Networks, Markets & People, Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria.
- **2026, April (Rome) —** "From Myth to the Incarnate Logos: The Marian Threshold of the Human in C. S. Lewis." Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.
- **2025, May (Antalya) —** "Restarting from Nicaea." International Congress, Corpus International / Ecumenical Patriarchate (Director, Organiser & Speaker).
- **2024, November (Cosenza) —** "La Tecnologia come Escatologia: economia di mercato ed economia della salvezza." Lectio Magistralis, Accademia Cosentina.
- **2024, June (Jerusalem) —** Tra scienza e fede, International Congress, Studium Biblicum Franciscanum.
- **2023, December (Cosenza) —** "Costruire la civiltà dell'amore. Il lavoro come rivelazione e il dinontorganismo." Università della Calabria (Director, Organiser & Speaker).
- **2023, June (Madrid) —** "La teología extinta." Universidad Francisco de Vitoria.
- **2022, February (Vatican City) —** "Universal Priesthood and Secularization." International Congress on Priesthood.
- **2016–2021 (Rome / Paris / Madrid/London) —** Co-Director, Convegni di Cultura "Maria Cristina di Savoia" and university lecture series on Philosophy and the World of Work (Sapienza, Roma Tre, Tor Vergata).

G. Selected sessions in the Maria Cristina di Savoia conference series

"Dall'oracolo di Delfi alle profezie degli algoritmi." With Vincenzo Ferrari and Nelly Fabiano, (Madrid).

"Dalla parola all'immagine." On George Steiner and Guy Debord, (Paris).

"Custodire il creato, custodire l'uomo." With Angelina Marcelli, UniMercatorum (Rome).

"La via delle Muse." With Filippo Demma, Archaeological Park of Sybaris. (Sibari).

"Auctoritas: autorevolezza e autoritarismo." With Simone Budini, Luiss Guido Carli University (Rome).

"L'obliquo cerchio: Dante e il pensiero scientifico." With Dario De Santis and Serena Dalena. (New York).

"Che fine ha fatto la cultura?" On post-culture according to George Steiner. (London).

APPENDIX III / PRESS, BROADCAST & DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTIONS

Selected press, television & media appearance



1. *Guest expert on the Italian television program "I giorni della storia"; 2. Signing the agreement between CNR,Unical,Fondazione Le Idee di Chicco at the Italian Senate.*

Direct references to published work and documented broadcasts, grouped by outlet.

Limes · Published articles

Cuor di Leone: contro gli adoratori di un Cristo in silicio 6 November 2026 · Il fattore disumano, no. 10/2026 **Read / watch ↗**

Zanzare e rancore: la rivoluzione ha perso il popolo 11 September 2026 · Cuba patria e morte, no. 8/2026 **Read / watch ↗**

La Chiesa cubana tra il popolo e Miami 11 September 2026 · Cuba patria e morte, no. 8/2026 **Read / watch ↗**

«L'America punta al genocidio» 11 September 2026 · Interview with Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla **Read / watch ↗**

Apocalittici e disintegrati 4 June 2026 · La solitudine di Israele, no. 5/2026 **Read / watch ↗**

Author archive Limes · Indexed author profile **Read / watch ↗**

LaC TV · I giorni della storia

La terza guerra mondiale a pezzi 5 November 2026 · Guest in studio **Read / watch ↗**

Verso la Terza guerra mondiale? October 2026 · Guest **Read / watch ↗**

Il pianeta brucia: la crisi climatica 27 August 2026 · Remote guest; discussion of Laudato si' **Read / watch ↗**

1989: l'anno che cambiò il mondo 11 June 2026 · Remote guest from Paris **Read / watch ↗**

1978: an Italian turning point June 2026 · Guest **Read / watch ↗**

Spopolamento, giovani in fuga e futuro del Sud 28 May 2026 · Guest **Read / watch ↗**

Pope Francis: a pontificate that changed the Church 30 April 2026 · In-studio guest **Read / watch ↗**

LaC News24, RAI & Online Broadcasts

Cuba: la rivoluzione sta perdendo il suo popolo 22 September 2026 · LaC News24 Interview **Read / watch ↗**

Cuba, la rivoluzione è rimasta senza popolo 19 September 2026 · LaC News24 Press coverage **Read / watch ↗**

Guerra e religione, il ruolo della fede nei conflitti moderni 12 May 2026 · RAI MappaMondi, S2 E19 **Read / watch ↗**

Elections in Israel: who wins, who loses, will anything change? 28 October 2026 · Limes Mappa Mundi (YouTube) **Read / watch ↗**

Christian Media Center · Jerusalem | Selected video productions

Mothers of Bethlehem: women between faith and fear 10 December 2024 · Reporting and editing **View original CMC report**

Christmas in Bethlehem: arrival of the Latin Patriarch 24 December 2023 · Reporting **View original CMC report**

A group of priests prepares to bring pilgrims back to the Holy Land 22 January 2024 · Reporting, filming and editing **View original CMC report**

The Patriarch's Christmas message after visiting Gaza 23 December 2024 · Reporting (with George Jaraiseh) **View original CMC report**