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Franco Amatori is senior professor of Economic History at Bocconi University.

He joined the faculty at Bocconi in 1985 teaching both undergraduate as well as graduate courses in business history. In 1992 he was appointed associate professor; in 2000 he became full professor. Upon his retirement at the end of 2019 he was appointed to his current position.

Amatori graduated with a degree (cum laude) in political science from the University of Florence. In the period 1978-1979 he was a visiting fellow in the Individual Studies Program at Harvard Business School. While at Harvard he pursued his studies in business history under the guidance of Alfred D. Chandler and economic history with David Landes.

Prior to joining Bocconi, he was a researcher at IFAP, the management school for IRI executives, a lecturer in contemporary economic history at the University of Urbino and then a researcher of economic history at the University of Ancona.

In 1983 he was one of the founders of ASSI, the Italian association of business historians where he served as a member of the executive committee until 1993 when he was asked to take over the role of president. He served multiple terms as president of ASSI (1993-2001 and then 2016-2018).

From 2000-2001, Amatori served as president of EBHA, the European Business History Association. He has also sat on the editorial boards of the journals *Business History*, *Business History Review*, and *Enterprise & Society*.

In the 2009-2015 period he was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Economic History Association.

He is president of Istituto Storia Marche since 2017.

For almost two decades Amatori, together with Louis Galambos of Johns Hopkins University, organized a series of International Colloquiums that resulted in the book series, *Comparative Perspectives in Business History*, published by Cambridge University Press.

In 2004 he was named an Honorary Foreign Member of the American Historical Association. In 2019 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Business History Conference.

A selection of Books and edited Volumes

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