

SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



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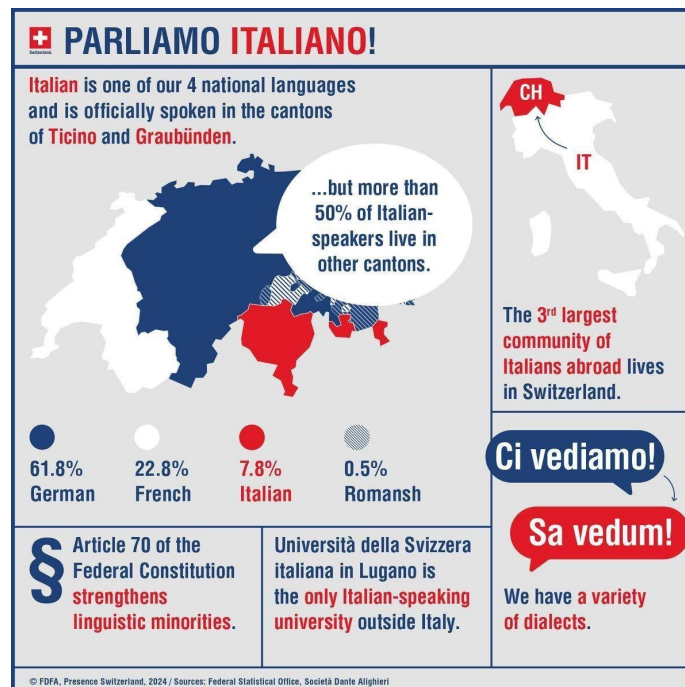
Dear Friends of Switzerland,

This week we are thrilled to be celebrating *la Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo* —the Week of Italian Language in the World! Join us later in the week for a program highlighting Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti, whose home canton is in the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland. As part of the featured programs, you will have the chance to refresh your language skills with a guided tour in Italian through the *Revolutions* exhibit at the Hirshhorn, showcasing several of Giacometti's pieces. A bit further afield, you can explore Swiss designer Peter Megert's legacy at the Ohio State University. *Dai, Andiamo* - come on, let's go!

Please continue to check our website, social media channels, and events calendar, where we are providing regular updates, for more cultural content. Have you found something we're missing? What would you like to see more of? Let us know – [we would love to hear from you](#).

We hope you continue to enjoy, and take care!

Language



Source: [Swiss Government](#)

Settimana della Lingua Italiana

Multilingualism is in Switzerland's DNA, and a key part of its cultural diversity. Italian was recognized as one of Switzerland's national languages in the Constitution of 1848. Though only about 8% of Swiss people speak Italian as their first language, it holds the same legal status as German and French. The language is spoken primarily in the cantons of Ticino and parts of Graubünden, or Grigioni, but over half of Italian speakers live in other cantons. The Italian language and those who speak it have contributed greatly to Swiss culture, and continue to do so to this day. Whether watching a film in Locarno's Piazza Grande or enjoying a cappuccino in Zurich, Italian is always around!

Language and Art



Source: [Hirshhorn Museum](#)

Italian-Language Guided Tour: Revolutions

October 17, 2024, 12:30 PM-1:30 PM
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Independence Ave SW & 7th St SW, Washington, DC

In celebration of the *Settimana della Lingua Italiana*, dust off your Italian-language skills and join us for a lunchtime tour in Italian of the Hirshhorn exhibit *Revolutions: Art from the Hirshhorn Collection, 1860–1960*, which marks the museum's 50th anniversary and explores one of the most revolutionary periods in art history. *Revolutions* shows how artists in Europe and North America innovated in response to technological, scientific, and social changes, and connects historical and contemporary artworks to show the lasting impact of ideas from this period. During the tour, visitors will also get to see some examples of the work of Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti! [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.

Visual Art & Film



"The Forest", 1950, Alberto Giacometti, Source: [National Gallery](#).

A Closer Look: Alberto Giacometti

Gallery Talk: Friday, October 18, 2024, 12:00–1:00 PM

Film Screening: Saturday, October 19, 2024, 2:00–4:00 PM

Hirshhorn Museum

Independence Ave at 7th St SW, Washington, DC

The Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti is renowned for his distinctive, elongated sculptures and drawings that offer a fresh perspective on the human form. Now you have the opportunity to delve further into his art right here in DC! For the *Settimana della Lingua Italiana*, and in partnership with the Hirshhorn Museum, the Embassy is organizing a series of programs that celebrate Giacometti and his impact on the art world.

On Friday, October 18, join us for a gallery walk through the *Revolutions* exhibit that will feature a number of Giacometti's sculptures. Curator Betsy Johnson will lead the tour, followed by an open Q&A session. Then, on Saturday, October 19, join us for a screening of the film *The Giacomettis*, which explores Giacometti's origins and his artistically gifted family. After the screening, the film's director, Susanna Fanzun, will share more details about the making of the film and her fascination with the Giacometti family and their place of origin, a very remote and unique Swiss mountain valley. Reserve your spot for either of these events [here!](#)

Graphic Design

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megert**
1937-2022



Source: [Swiss Impact](#)

Peter Megert Exhibition

Exhibit: October 7 – November 8 2024
Reception: October 19, 2024, 3:00 PM
Hopkins Hall Gallery
The Ohio State University
128 N Oval Mall,
Columbus, OH

The Department of Design at the Ohio State University is hosting an exhibit in honor of Swiss graphic designer Peter Megert (1937-2022). The exhibition highlights the influence of Megert's modernist education and design philosophies, which influenced his future activities as a professor and designer. Megert's award-winning work and many collaborations in both the U.S. and Switzerland will be on display. As a former faculty member at Ohio State, Megert's influence extended beyond design practice, and visitors will also have the opportunity to explore his teaching legacy, personal artifacts, and select ceramic designs by his wife, Ursula Megert. You can learn more about the exhibit [here](#)! A celebration of Megert's legacy will take place on Saturday, October 19, with a special viewing of the exhibit and a reception. To attend, you can find more information [here](#).



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