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Event: **Beppe Severgnini presents:**
Luoghi Comuni - Un viaggio in Italia dedicato alla piazza

When: **Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:30 pm**

Where: **Istituto Italiano di Cultura, 425 Washington St., Suite 200, San Francisco, www.iicsanfrancisco.esteri.it**

Admission: **free**

As the inaugural event of the 8th Annual Italian Language Week, the Istituto presents an evening with renowned author Beppe Severgnini and a video written by him for RAI Tre entitled *Luoghi Comuni - Un viaggio in Italia (2001-2002)*. The video takes the viewer on a journey of Italy's common gathering places: *piazze*, houses, restaurants, schools, and public gardens.

Beppe Severgnini is a journalist, writer and columnist for the *Corriere della Sera*. Since 1998 he has led the popular forum *Italians* (www.corriere.it/severgnini), which is the focus of his forthcoming book. He was *The Economist's* correspondent in Italy from 1996 to 2003, and his work is now distributed by the New York Times Syndicate. He is the author of 12 books, including the US bestsellers *Ciao, America* (Doubleday, 2002), and *La Bella Figura* (Doubleday, 2006).

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