

Seminario

Smithsonian Gems: Stories Behind the Jewels

Giovedì, 22 giugno – ore 16:30
Aula Arduino

Relatore: **Dr. Jeffrey Post**

Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, Washington



Of all the objects in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, its magnificent gems perhaps best, and uniquely, provide an intersection of natural science, human history, culture, romance, and artistic skill and creativity—set against the allure of immense value and awesome beauty.

Short CV Dr. Jeff Post: Bachelor of Science, degrees in geology and chemistry from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, and his Ph.D. in chemistry, with a specialty in geochemistry, from Arizona State University. Prior to joining the Department of Mineral Sciences at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History in 1984, he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow for three years in the Department of Geological Sciences at Harvard University. He was Chairman of the Department of Mineral Sciences 1989-1994 and 2014-2019, and from 1991 to 2023 served as Curator-in-Charge of the U.S. National Gem and Mineral Collection. Dr. Post was the lead Curator for the Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals that opened in 1997. He is currently President of the Mineralogical Society of America. His areas of research interest include mineralogy, gemology, and geochemistry. He has published more than 135 scientific articles in these fields. He is the author of *The National Gem Collection*, and the recently published: *The Smithsonian National Gem Collection - Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels*.

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