

## Gennaro Acquaviva and Claudio Signorile at

### a PSI meeting

#### Date

1969-1979

#### Medium

gelatin silver print

#### Description

The Italian Socialist Party (PSI) was a socialist and later social-democratic political party in Italy founded in Genoa in 1892. From 1963 the Socialists participated in the centre-left governments, in alliance with Christian Democracy (DC), the Italian Democratic Socialist Party (PSDI) and the Italian Republican Party (PRI). These governments acceded to many of the demands of the PSI for social reform, and laid the foundations for Italy's modern welfare state. However, the PSI lost much of its influence, despite actively participating in the government, and throughout the 60s and 70s the PCI gradually outnumbered it as the dominant political force in the Italian left. It was disbanded in 1994. Gennaro Acquaviva is an Italian politician with the Italian Socialist Party. At the beginning of the seventies he, as well as many other group of Catholics joined the Italian Socialist Party, then becoming Head of the Secretariat of Bettino Craxi's government in 1976. Claudio Signorile is an Italian academic, and politician with the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) - he joined in 1956, first as the secretary of the Socialist Youth Federation (until 1965), and then a member of the national leadership of the Party, becoming deputy secretary from 1976 to 1981. After Riccardo Lombardi, he was the leader of the left 'Lombardiana' within the party, and was among the protagonists of the so-called "turn of Midas" that led Bettino Craxi at the top of the PSI and then the Presidency of the Council. At the

Congress of Turin of 1978 he was elected deputy secretary of the party, where he was in charge of economic policy, but was replaced in 1981 after differences of opinion with the leaders.

### **Dimensions**

Overall: 24.3 x 30.7 cm (9 5/8 x 12 1/8 in.)