



**The Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum &
the Region of Tuscany's Annual International Conference
8th -9th February, 2010, Florence, Italy**

Call for Presentations – Education:

For more than four decades, countless non-profit organizations and groups have tried to forge the path to peace through “peace education” or “political education.” By challenging existing attitudes, perceptions and structures, such organizations have attempted to re-shape the political reality in which we live today.

Over the last two decades in particular, the number of organizations that have sought to utilize education as a means of affecting change has more than doubled in quantity and the level of activity among various participants has grown immeasurably.

However, despite this immense growth, determining the impact of this growth is another story.

When it comes to the field of education, measuring the impact of educational activities and tying specific activities to specific end-results poses a serious challenge. On-the-ground experience in the field as well as a number of studies and assessments on a variety of projects have been conducted, all seeking to meet this challenge. Some of these studies have occurred on the individual-project level, examining specific projects and their impact; others have been more theoretical and comprehensive.

The conference seeks presentations on “peace” or “political” education that can shed light on some of the knowledge and experience accumulated in these fields and that address the challenges of measuring the impact of this type of education.

Presentation proposals should take one of the following four main topics and address one of the suggested sub-topics:

1. Theoretical Perspectives Addressing:
 - A. Changing attitudes
 - B. Structural changes
 - C. Post-colonial theories (classical versus radical)
2. Strategic Approaches Involving:
 - A. Encounters and the development of personal relationships
 - B. Uni-national activities and internal intervention
 - C. Critical education
3. Case Analysis and Presentation of Relevant Projects Discussing:
 - A. The above mentioned theories
 - B. Intervention strategies
 - C. Post-Colonialism or Post-Zionism
4. Dilemmas in “Peace” or “Political” Education



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We seek original presentation proposals that demonstrate innovative thought while building on professional experience from work practices in regions of conflict.

Individuals whose proposals are selected will be invited to present at the upcoming conference in Florence, Italy, February 8th—9th, 2010. All expenses for participation in the conference will be covered by PIPNF and the Region of Tuscany.

Please submit all proposals to pipnf@peres-center.org by **January 15, 2010**.

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