

## XI International Congress World Center for Women's Studies

In collaboration with the Department of Education, Roma Tre University

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# Inclusive Peace Education in Present Times: Intercultural Perspectives towards Sustainable Futures

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

This international congress examines the critical intersections of gender equity, education, and peacebuilding in an era marked by escalating global conflicts, inequality, and polarization. Against the backdrop of ongoing wars and international tensions, the imperative for peace education persists with renewed urgency.

Rome, a historic crossroads of civilizations and cross-cultural exchange, provides both symbolic and practical ground for advancing dialogue on these pressing challenges. Aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, and 10, the congress foregrounds gender-sensitive education and intercultural respect as foundations for sustainable peace and development.

**We invite interdisciplinary contributions from:** Gender and Women's Studies, Education, Sociology, Philosophy, History, Human Rights, STEM, Media and Communication, the Arts, and related fields.

**Topics may include (but are not limited to):**

- Gender-responsive pedagogy in conflict and post-conflict settings
- Intersectionality in peace education practices
- Education for global citizenship and intercultural dialogue
- Decolonizing Language Education: from Linguistic Imperialism to Peaceful Pluralism
- Decolonizing peace education curricula
- Youth agency and participation in peacebuilding
- Digital media and peace education
- Languages of Reconciliation: Communication Across Conflict Lines
- Trauma-informed educational approaches



- Educational policy and gender equity in crisis contexts
- Linguistic identity and social cohesion
- Linguistic Diversity as a Resource: Multilingual Classrooms and Peace Education
- Language, Memory, and Narratives in Peace education
- Women's Voices Across Languages: Feminist Perspectives in Multilingual Peace Education

#### Selected References:

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#### Congress Schedule:

- **April 9:** Cultural programming (event at partner venue)
- **April 10-11:** Academic presentations, Roma Tre University, Dep.t of Education
- **April 12:** Closing session at Villa Falconieri, Frascati (historic seat of CEDE - Centro Europeo dell'Educazione, now hosting the *Academia Vivarium novum*)

#### Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts (300 words max.) should be submitted by **Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026** to [wcws2026@uniroma3.it](mailto:wcws2026@uniroma3.it). Please include: title, author(s), institutional affiliation, and 3-5 keywords.

Acceptance/rejection/revision within 15 days after receiving abstract

**Please note:** those who need to ask for a VISA or similar travel documents, please notify the organizers along with your abstract submission.

Selected papers would be published in an international blind peer-reviewed volume on Inclusive Peace Education.

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**WCWS 1-year membership - \$10 Academic Staff, \$5 PhD, post-docs, temporary staff, CELs, independent scholars, schoolteachers (included in the conference fee)**

**Registration Fees:** the fee includes participation in all sessions, welcome aperitif, welcome pack, light lunch on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, and coffee breaks. All fees are VAT included:

**Early bird REGISTRATION**

Sent by 15 February 2026- Payment due by 15 February 2026

- Academic Staff (PO, PA, RU, RTT, RTD-A, RTD-B) [USA, Canada, Australia, Europe] \$85
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- PhD candidates, post-docs, temporary staff, CELs, independent scholars, schoolteachers \$70
- PhD candidates, post-docs, temporary staff, CELs, independent scholars, schoolteachers \$60

**STANDARD REGISTRATION**

Sent by 15 March 2026- Payment due by 15 March 2026

- Academic Staff (PO, PA, RU, RTT, RTD-A, RTD-B) [USA, Canada, Australia, Europe] \$95
- Academic Staff (PO, PA, RU, RTT, RTD-A, RTD-B) [South America, Asia, Africa] \$85
- PhD candidates, post-docs, temporary staff, CELs, independent scholars, schoolteachers \$75
- PhD candidates, post-docs, temporary staff, CELs, independent scholars, schoolteachers \$65

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

- Academic Staff (PO, PA, RU, RTT, RTD-A, RTD-B) \$ 100
- PhD candidates, post-docs, temporary staff, CELs, independent scholars, schoolteachers \$ 80

**Please note:** longtime members of the WCWS need to renew their membership as for the Conference. The membership amount is included in the Conference fee.

**Conference Social Dinner (9 April): \$ 45**

Conference Social Dinner for accompanying guests: (\$ 45 per person)

**HOW TO PAY**

➤ Eventbrite (data will be sent via email)

If **accompanying people** wish to join optional conference services, their costs must be included in the payment.

Conference registration will be confirmed by the conference secretariat ([wcws2026@uniroma3.it](mailto:wcws2026@uniroma3.it)). Indications for payment will be sent via email.