

WFWP UPF Italy Webinar: Political Cooperation and Good Governance

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This webinar was promoted by Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Italy with the collaboration of WFWP Italy. Elisabetta Nistri, WFWP Italy President, welcomed the participants with a message that underlined the importance of women in leadership positions at all levels, especially in politics so that they can make their contribution alongside men in the realization of peace.

Carlo Zonato, President of UPF Italy gave the introductory speech underlining all the work that has been done thus far. Other speakers included: Senator Roberto Rampi (Senator, Member of the Council of Europe - AdP UPF and IAPP Project Coordinator), Senator Pier Ferdinando Casini (Senator, Former President of the Chamber of Deputies, President of the Italian Inter-parliamentary Assembly), Professor Marco Lombardi (Director of the Department of Sociology at Catholic University of Milan, Lecturer in Media Communication and Security Policies - AdP), Hon. Albertina Soliani (Former Senator, Undersecretary of State for Education, President of the Alcide Cervi Institute, Co-founder of the Association Italy/Burma - AdP and godmother of IAPP), and Senator Orietta Vanin (Senator, Member of the Commission on Public Education and Cultural Heritage, Member of the Commission for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights).

The latter, Senator Orietta Vanin, who was invited by the WFWP Italy President from Padua, shared about her experience as a teacher in a high school which led her to better understand the degree of responsibility as a politician they have as to what their reflections and thoughts are, and by putting them into action they can change people's lives.

Peace is fundamental to pursue, and, in Senator Vanin's opinion, it is made of many small acts of peace that together form the most comprehensive worldwide peace. Therefore, the debates in politics are also fundamental, but done with respect for the diversity of each person. Respect puts us in a position of equality, which is necessary for a complete confrontation. The global problem of the Coronavirus has highlighted our fragility, and so a leap in quality and awareness to promote the culture of peace is indispensable.

We posted the video of this event on WFWP Italy and UPF Italy's Facebook pages, and just on the first day we reached around 600 people.

The Senator is very happy to continue working with UPF and WFWP especially in the area of women's rights.

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