

FIRENZE 10+10

WHAT EUROPEAN POLICY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE?

PALESTINIAN POPULAR NON VIOLENT RESISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGNS

Firenze, Fortezza da basso, room Monumentale, 10 Novembre , 14 – 18

What does it mean today to speak of non violence in Palestine and how those who daily are facing violence perceive this word? This issue will be at the heart of the international meeting, in the framework of European event Firenze 10+10 (November 8-11) “**WHAT EUROPEAN POLICY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE?**”

Social society and human rights activists together with MEPs will discuss during a whole afternoon about Palestinian popular non violent resistance and international solidarity campaigns, looking for future perspectives for the Palestinian occupied territories and Gaza Strip and how Europe can stop Israeli occupation and colonisation.

Prof. **Giorgio Gallo**, (“Scienze per la Pace”, Pisa University), will start with an overview of the social situation both in Palestine and Israel, in the current Mediterranean framework.

Mahmoud Zahware, (Al Masarah), will witness on behalf of the **popular committees** coordination, about their struggles for land and water, in many villages, since 2004.

Luisa Morgantini, “**Associazione per la Pace**”, former vice President of the European Parliament, will talk about international solidarity movements and peace civilian interventions in support of the Palestinian popular resistance. Two trade unionists, **Hasan Barghouti**, Palestinian - “**Democracy and Workers' Rights Center**” - and the Israeli **Roni Ben Efrat**, -“**Workers Advice Center**”- will inform about the recent social struggles.

Wassim Dahmash, Palestinian professor living in Italy, will talk about Palestinian culture and image, opposing the Israeli's propaganda manipulation.

Youth Against Settlements, in Hebron is the main actor of “**Al Khalil**”, a reportage by **Livia Parisi**, journalist and videomaker. Their daily struggle aims to stop Israeli settlements and reopen for the Palestinians, Shuhada Street, city's main road.

The second part of the afternoon will be concentrate on “**What European policy for peace and justice... “ International campaigns** led by European peace activists will be presented and discussed also with MEPs (**Gabi Zimmer**, GUE/NGL) and **Niccolò Rinaldi** (ALDE). **Loretta Mussi** (Un Ponte per) and **Florent Schaeffer** (french IPAM) will explain the **BoycottDivestementSanctions** campaign launched in 2005 by more than 170 Palestinian associations and rapidly internationalised: its aims and its successes, pushing Israel to respect of international law and human rights and the national and European Institutions to stop with Israeli impunity.

The task of **Angelo Baracca**, will be to denounce the military cooperation with Israel both in Italy and Europe. **Gianni Tognoni**, **general secretary of the Peoples Permanent Tribunal**, will summarise the results of the **Russell Tribunal for Palestine**. The solidarity campaigns and initiatives include the brave **Freedom Flotilla to Gaza**, civilian disobedience sailing boats, asking the end of Gaza siege. **Patrizia Cecconi**, Italian coordination of the Freedom Flotilla, and **Marco Ramazzotti Stockel**, Rete Ebrei contro l'occupazione (ECO), a passenger of the swedish boat Estelle, will illustrate its meaning.

Presentation of the CD "**Il muro del suono - Music for Palestine**". The authors - Bande Popolari di strada "Ottoni a scoppio", "Titubanda", "Fiati sprecați" and "Banda Roncati" – have been playing in front of the "apartheid wall". They will play for Palestine in Florence square.

Call for the **World Social Forum Free Palestine** (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 28/11-1/12)

Alessandra Mecozzi and **Florent Schaeffer** will coordinate the event (interpretation English and French), proposed by *European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP)*, Associazione per la pace, CGIL, FIOM-Cgil, Initiatives Pour Un Autre Monde (IPAM), Rete romana di solidarietà con Palestina, Un ponte per, Action for Peace, Associazione di amicizia Italia-Palestina-Firenze, Coordin. italiano Flotilla libertà di Gaza.

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