



Giornate dell'Interdipendenza

le persone, i popoli, gli stati per un mondo più unito

Interdependence Days

People, populates, states for a more unite world

**The meeting among cultures, religions, reasons
Condition to face the challenges of present times**

Workshops for training and dialogue for those who operate in the communication, information, education and social sectors, to better “read” and understand issues of great relevance, beyond stereotypes and prejudices, with the aim of turning the interdependence that exists in the world from a passive relation into active paths for equity and responsibility.

Promoters:

Acli, Comunità Sant'Egidio, Focsiv, Legambiente, Movimento politico per l'unità/Focolare, and the Region of Tuscany

Addressees:

Journalists from different national and local newspapers (press, radio, television, web), opinion leaders and educators, actors of the civil society, students and everyone who is interested and involved in redefining issues that are central for the common living among people, populates and cultures

Where does the initiative start

In September 2004, on the occasion of the anniversary of the 9/11 Twin Towers terrorist attack, in Rome takes place the second edition of the World Interdependence day, initiative born in the USA from an idea of Benjamin Barber, political scientist, and his USA-based organisation Civ-World. The event sees the presence of a large audience and was greatly highlighted on the media.

2006 and 2007 editions

The following years the Interdependence Days took place in Montepulciano (Siena).

The 2006 edition had as theme “**Islam and us**”.

Among the speakers: Tahar Absi, University of Algeri; Mustafa Abu Sway, Al-Quds University in Jerusalem; Samir Al Qaryouti, Palestinian, news analyst from *Al Jazeera*; Omar Belhouchet, Director of the Algeri newspaper *El Watan*; *Soheib Bencheickh*, Great Mufti in Marseilles; Gilles Kepel, French expert of the Islamic world; Cemal Ussak, Vice-President of the Turkish Journalists and Writers Association.

The 2007 edition focused on “**China-Europe, A New Silk Road**”.

Among the speakers: Zhong Acheng, writer; Guo Liang, Luo Hongbo, Ren Yanli, Wang Meixiu, Chinese Academy for Social Sciences in Beijing; Thomas Zhu Youke, editor of the newspaper *Xinjang Economic*; Wang Hui, Wen Tiejun, Beijing Tsinghua University; Yang Min, magazine *Nan feng chuan*; Wu Yiye, Vice President of China Islamic Association.

2008 Edition

In 2008 the Interdependence Days move to Florence, and focus on the subject “**Known - unknown Africa**”.

Among the speakers: Liliane Mugombozi (Kenya, Director of *New City-Nouvelle Cité Africa*), Martin Nkafu Nkemkia (Camerun, Gregorian University), Jean-Marie Nsambu (Uganda, Director of *Leadership Magazine*), Honorat Aguessy (Benin, Sociologist, President of CoMoPa).

NEXT EDITION IN FLORENCE – 29/30 OCTOBER 2009

5 years after the first edition, we will focus again on the issue on interdependence and its general features through the main challenges of present times: the economic crisis, the environmental crisis, the urgency for peace. The main feature for discussion will be the cities of the third millennium, with their strength and criticality of their dimensions, where the cohabitation among people and groups, populaces and cultures, faces closer the challenges of interdependence and where globalisation call for news governance models to institutions and society between the local and global scale.

Thursday 29th October 2009

Interdependence in cities

The answer to the economic and environmental crisis come from reconciliation

Public event open to all citizens with the participation of intellectuals, representative from local institutions, international guests and students from Florence: an occasion for dialogue

Friday 30th October 2009

Seminar

The seminar will be structured in 3 thematic sessions: for each of them, a meeting among a journalist and international experts (being privileged witnesses), and some questions from the participants. The titles of the sessions, still provisional, are:

I session (9.30-11.00)

Interdependence and the economic crisis

II session (11.30-13.00)

Interdependence and reconciliation

III session (15.30-17.00)

Interdependence and environmental crisis

Patronage

Municipality of Florence

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