



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
„Peace and Security – Feminist Alternative”
Antico – 10 Years of Promotion of Culture of Peace and Non-violence Through Public
Engagement of Women
Skopje, 05 – 06 October 2009

Antico, a Women's Civic Initiative is celebrating 10th anniversary this year. In September 1999, during the time of the Kosovo war and refuge crises, women activists and leaders in the women movement in Macedonia from different ethnic backgrounds gathered at a seminar on *Transformation of Conflicts and Peace Building* and founded Antico as a feminist response to the needs of the women's movement for a different way of organizing and strengthening of the women's identity and power through overcoming ethnic borders. Our initiatives have ever since been directed towards:

- Establishing of just peace and culture of non violence through creation of safe space for debating and coexistence of the differences and equal division of power regardless of the gender and ethnic belongings.
- Promotion the multiethnic women engagement and equal participation of women and men in public and political life.
- Eradicating the patriarchal ideology in the Macedonian society and globally.

Because we believe that these are among the most important preconditions for achieving sustainable peace in local and global frames.

In order to celebrate the 10 years anniversary we organize an International Conference on *Security and Peace: A Feminist Alternative; “Antico: 10 years Promoting Culture of Peace and Non violence Through Public Engagement of Women.”*

The goals of the conference are:

- To provide space for exchange of views, experience and knowledge among women rights activists, feminists and peace activists living in different contexts: in “peace”, recovered from war and under military conflict and occupation.
- To open channels for communication and strengthen relations between feminists and activists, contributing to women's empowerment and solidarity.
- To debate constructive alternatives to the policy of militarization and war which generate violence and insecurity. To challenge the traditional concepts of peace and war, power and security by linking feminist theories and experiences of women in peace and war.

Much of what Antico was able to achieve was thanks to women's organizations, feminists and peace activists and foundations that acknowledged our work and mission and have been providing us with institutional support but most importantly solidarity support and exchange which further motivated us to be true to our mission.



Practical Information

The Conference will take place in Skopje, Macedonia

Time: 5 – 6 October, 2009

Arrival: 4th October

Departure: 7th October

Language: Macedonian , English and French with provided translation

For questions and inquiries, please write to: antico@t-home.mk ; contact@antiko.org.mk

We shall send you that final program with the names of the presenters as soon as we get all the confirmations.

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

**Day 1: Monday , 5th October
Security and Violence; Peace and War.**

9.30 - 10.00 Opening. Antico: 10 Years of Promoting Culture of Peace and Non violence.

10.00 – 13.30 Session 1: Challenging Peace and Security Concepts.

10.00 – 11.30 Violence Against Women: From Peace to War, from Public to Private Space: Security for Whom?

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 - 13.30 Women's Participation in Decision Making Process to Promote Another Culture of Non - violence.

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 18.00 Session 2: Militarization and Social Disarmament.

15.00 – 16.30 Increasing of Militarization: Consequences for Women from Fundamental Rights to Daily Life.

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 18.00 Military: Solving or Perpetuating Conflicts: Palestine, Iraq, Georgia: What about EU?

19.30 - Dinner



DAY 2: Tuesday, 6th October

From Militarism to Feminist Alternative Policies Towards Just Peace.

**9.00 – 12.30 Session 3: Militarism, Patriarchy and Religious
Fundamentalisms: Mutual Strengthening .**

**9.00 – 10.30 Religious Fundamentalisms and Women's Civil Rights.
Reproductive and Sexual Rights, Women in the Public Space.**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

**11.00 – 12.30 Security, Violence, Patriarchy: Fighting Social Tolerance and
Impunity Towards Violence Against Women**

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

**14.00 – 17.30 Session 4: Feminist Alternative Strategies from Local
to International Level.**

14.00 – 15.00 Local Community Initiatives and Peace Building in the Society.

**15.00 – 16.00 Implementation of International Conventions, Resolutions
(CEDAW ; UNSCR1325; UNSCR1820).**

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

**16.30 – 17.30 Opening a Space for Solidarity Cooperation for Feminist and
Peace Activists.**

19.30 - Gala Dinner