



Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Préscolaire  
World Organization for Early Childhood Education  
Organización Mundial para la Educación Preescolar

## EXCO-COMMUNICATION 10: November 15, 2021

Dear colleagues,

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the prestigious pedagogue Paulo Freire. For this reason, governments and NGOs that share his values and ideals have honored him with commemorations around the world. At OMEP, we held the second seminar of the OMEP Seminar Series 2021-2022 called: **100 years Paulo Freire: 1921-2021. Pedagogy as a political practice.** The presentations were made by Ph.D Carlos Calvo from Chile and Ph.D. Roberto Mauro Gurgel Rocha from Brazil -both of whom knew Paulo Freire personally- and me, while OMEP's Regional Vice President for Latin America, Desireé López de Maturana Luna, moderated the seminar.

As we stated in the title, pedagogy is a political practice. This conviction was stated by Paulo Freire and shared with other intellectuals and educators around the world through his intense praxis and his extensive work. This is recognized around the globe and transcends its literacy method to become a political, pedagogical, ethical and aesthetic proposal of education, clearly current, and that helps us to address the challenges of our present time. Paulo Freire's humanist thought continues to support our positions because it is based on ethics, critical thinking, the defense of democracy, participation and a pedagogy of hope that posits trust in the possibility of all human beings to learn and to change the world. The foundational ideals of OMEP include the fundamental elements put forward in Paulo Freire's proposals, such as participation, communication, humanization, transformation and contextualization.

As always, our webinars are available in three languages on OMEP's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OMEPworldtv>. **Watch them again and SUBSCRIBE!!**

Regarding the **OMEP SERIES OF SEMINARS**, I would like to invite everyone to follow the latest programming updates on social media and to participate. On **November 26**, we will hold a **VERY IMPORTANT seminar for OMEP**. It will hold the title: **What is happening in ECCE in the world? Latest research and current perspectives.** Two UNESCO experts will present their studies:

- 1- "[Right to pre-primary education. A global study](#)" by Rolla Moumné
- 2- "[The Impact of COVID-19 on Early Childhood Education in the Asia-Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from the Results of Rapid Regional Personnel Survey](#)" by Yoshie Kaga

**It is very important that all of the OMEP community participates.** To this end, members can enroll for the ZOOM session, which will have simultaneous interpretation into the 3 official languages, or you may watch it on our YouTube channel @omepworldtv in English.

The videos will later be available on YouTube in the 3 languages to watch them asynchronously.

**WORLD ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE 2022:** The call for presentations, papers and symposia is open until **November 30, 2021**. We call on the entire OMEP community to present their work, research and projects in this unique opportunity to make themselves known at a global level and actively participate in this event, which has represented us and brought us together for so many years. For more information, you can visit the page <https://www.omep2022.org/en/call-for-papers/>.

**OMEP: THEORY INTO PRACTICE:** We have an **ISSN number** for the journal!

The call for articles was extended until **November 30, 2021**. Remember that the theme of this issue is the pedagogical experiences of educators and families during the COVID-19 pandemic and reflections on learning, challenges and lessons for improvement. For more information: <https://omepworld.org/?s=theory>.

**“PAULO FREIRE” ESSAY CONTEST ON AMERICAN CHILDREN:** OMEP participates in the initiative of the major prize in partnership with the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN/OAS), FLACSO and the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE, for its Spanish acronym). It is an invitation to reflect, socialize, debate and dialogue with the contributions of Paulo Freire, based on the challenges that the reality of the region presents today. Essays will be received until June 9, 2022. Terms and conditions: [https://bit.ly/convocatoria\\_FREIRE\\_IIN](https://bit.ly/convocatoria_FREIRE_IIN)

Thank you very much!

*Mercedes*

## October 2021 News

### 1. PARTICIPATIONS OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT

#### 1.1 CONFERENCES

- **Brazil. Symposium 21. 9th International Symposium on Early Childhood Development.** October 7.  
Link: <https://simposioncpi.com.br/>
- **EdHeroes Forum Asia 2021: Indonesia Chapter.** October 16.  
Link: <https://watch.edheroes.asia/>
- **OMEP Poland Conference: Children's Right to High-Quality Education and Care.** October 23.  
Link: <https://omep.org.pl/>

#### 1.2 POLITICAL ADVOCACY WORK

- **PPPs Focus Group PEHRC (Privatization in Education and Human Rights Consortium).** October 5.
- **Dialogues on legislative advocacy for the right to education.** CLADE. October 6. Link: <https://redclade.org/noticias/clade-realizo-serie-de-dialogos-para-compartir-experiencias-sobre-incidencia-legislativa/>
- **Annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.** October 11.  
Link: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/meetings/splash>
- **First Regional Seminar on Social Development: Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The protracted crisis as a restructuring opportunity.** CEPAL. October 13 and 14. Link: <https://www.cepal.org/en/events/first-regional-seminar-social-development-education-latin-america-and-caribbean-prolonged>

- **Dialogues on legislative advocacy for the right to education.** CLADE. October 13. Link: <https://redclade.org/noticias/clade-realizo-serie-de-dialogos-para-compartir-experiencias-sobre-incidencia-legislativa/>
- **RTE (Right to Education) - OMEP Meeting.** October 22.
- **Focus Group PEHRC (Privatization in Education and Human Rights Consortium).** GEM Report. October 25.
- **Enough is enough. Privatization and public services. A conversation with former and current UN special reporters.** October 26.  
Link: <https://www.gi-escr.org/latest-news/enough-is-enough-privatisation-and-public-services-a-well-attended-conversation-with-current-and-former-un-special-rapporteurs>
- **Education not debt! Research on debt and financing for education.** GCE. October 27.  
Link: <https://campaignforeducation.org/en/tag/education-not-debt/>
- **Consulting about the launch of the GPS (Global Partner Strategy).** October 28.

## 2. ACTIVITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

- **NY Monthly shared briefing.** October 28.

## 3. MEMBERS PARTICIPATION OF THE EXCO AND OMEP COMMUNITY

- **OMEP Seminar Series #2: 100 Years of Paulo Freire: 1921-2021. Pedagogy as a political practice.** October 8.  
Enlace: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GqY\\_Ej2QnM&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GqY_Ej2QnM&t=3s)
- **OMEP Poland Conference: Children's Right to High-Quality Education and Care.** October 23.  
Link: <https://omep.org.pl/>
- **OMEP Argentina Meeting.** October 29.

## 4. EXCO MEETINGS

- **Meeting of the World Executive Committee (EXCO).** October 21. The following topics were discussed:
  - World Projects: meetings held and strategies for the future.
  - OMEP Seminar Series
  - WAC 2022
  - Website news
  - Donation buttons for the website

## 5. CAMPAIGNS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- **October 4. OMEP Declaration. Virtual World Assembly 2021.**  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2084191501733225>
- **October 5: World Teachers' Day 2021.**  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/574892933623814/>
- **October 6, 7, 8: OMEP Seminar Series: 100 Years of Paulo Freire.**  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2086041824881526>
- **October 12: Children are hidden victims.**  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2090847774400931>
- **October 14: EdHeroes Forum Asia 2021.**  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2092928670859508>
- **October 15: Global Handwashing Day.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2093361537482888>

→ **October 18: Voices of OMEP Italy.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2095848110567564>

→ **October 19: Call for papers for WAC 2022 in Athens, Greece.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2096613117157730>

→ **October 20: Conference series Adam Micevickz University and Polish OMEP Committee.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2097480700404305>

→ **October 22: Call for articles for the OMEP online journal Theory Into Practice.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2098896573596051>

→ **October 27: Call for papers for International Journal of Early Childhood (IJEC).**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2102975436521498>

→ **October 25, 27, 29 and 31: OMEP Seminar on Education for Sustainable Development in early childhood.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2101317950020580>

## OMEP BLOG “Rights from the Start”

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

### SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE!

- **Exploring activities to learn the culture of peace in no contact situations with children in hiroshima, commemorating international day of peace 2021, by Mie Oba.** “In Fukuyama (Hiroshima prefecture), peace education for young children is organized according to children’s development. I have developed “three steps for developing a peaceful mind in children and students” since 2006.” To read more: <https://omepworld.org/exploring-activities-to-learn-the-culture-of-peace-in-no-contact-situations-with-children-in-hiroshima-commemorating-international-day-of-peace-2021-mie-oba/>

## IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

### CALL FOR ARTICLES “Theory into practice” OMEP online journal

**EXTENDED deadline: November 30, 2021**

More information: <https://omepworld.org/call-for-articles-omep-theory-into-practice-n-5-2022/>

### CALL FOR PAPERS FOR WAC Athens 2022

**Deadline: November 30, 2021**

More information: <https://www.omep2022.org/en/call-for-papers/>

## AWARDS AND OMEP WORLD PROJECTS

**2nd OMEP Award for young researchers. Deadline: February 1, 2022**

More information: <https://omepworld.org/young-researchers-award/>

**13th Annual ESD Competition. Deadline: March 15, 2022**

**4th ESD Annual Competition for students. Deadline: March 15, 2022**

More information: [https://omepworld.org/awards\\_education\\_sustainable/](https://omepworld.org/awards_education_sustainable/)

### **PAULO FREIRE ESSAY CONTEST**

Deadline: **June 9, 2022**

From the essays received, a winner, and a second and third prize will be selected, who will be awarded **USD 1000, USD 750 and USD 500** respectively.

Up to 5 special mentions can also be awarded.

More information: [https://bit.ly/convocatoria\\_FREIRE\\_IIN](https://bit.ly/convocatoria_FREIRE_IIN)

## **OMEP INTERNAL CALL: World Team of Volunteer Translators**

To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP's ideas and actions on our website, blog and social media, we are creating a group of volunteers to help with translations of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you want to be part of the Global Team of Volunteer Translators, please register using the following form: <https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>