

EMPATHY NEUROSCIENCE: TRANSLATIONAL RELEVANCE TO CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION



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Day 1 • Wednesday October 18 • Research on Empathy

SESSION 1

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome and opening remarks:

Institutional greetings

Ernesto Caffo – Chair Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and President of Foundation Child, Italy

Simon Baron-Cohen – Professor of Developmental Psychopathology and Director of the University's Autism Centre, Cambridge University, UK

Fabio Lucidi – Full Professor of Psychometrics, Deputy Dean of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine and Psychology, University of Rome La Sapienza and President of the Italian Association of Psychology, Italy

10:00 Emile Bruneau – PhD, Annenberg School of Communication University of Pennsylvania, USA
Overview of empathy neuroscience

Ahmad Abu-Akel – PhD, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
Empathy neuroscience for the development of tools for conflict resolution



11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Salvatore Maria Aglioti – PhD, Chair Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy
From the perception of pain to empathy

Bhishmadev Chakrabarti – PhD, Reading University, UK
Reward at the heart of empathy: Insights from neuroscience

12:15 Open Discussion Session 1 – Chairman **Professor Lucidi**

13:00 End of Session 1

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SESSION 2

14:30 Isabel Dziobeck – PhD, Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt Universität Berlin, Germany
Training the brain to be social: Lessons to be learnt from autism.

Yoni Levy – PhD, IDC Herzliya & Bar-Ilan University, Israel
Introducing youth to dialogue amidst intractable conflict: The role of oxytocin, social behavior, and perspective taking

Dalila Fadila – PhD, Founder and Director of QSchools: English Language and Human Development, previously president of AlQasemi college, Israel
Can Empathy be taught? A Model of “Teaching” Empathy through Learning English as a Foreign Language: a case study of Palestinian students in Israel



15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Theresa Betancourt – PhD, Harvard University, USA
The Intergenerational Impact of War: Perspectives from Sierra Leone

James F. Leckman – MD, PhD, Neison Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry, Psychology and Pediatrics, Child Study Center, Yale University, USA
Pathways to peace: The promise of promoting early child development

16:45 Open Discussion Day 1 – Chairman **Professor Simon Baron-Cohen**

17:30 End of Session 2

Day 2 Thursday October 19: Applied Research and Peacebuilding

SESSION 3

9:00 Jacquie Vorauer – PhD, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba, Canada
The potential for empathy to backfire in intergroup interaction

Empowerment & Resilience in Children Everywhere (ERICE)

- **Shafiq Masalha** – Senior Lecturer at the College for Academic Studies in Or-Yehuda and The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel;
- **Alan Apter** – MD, PhD, Schneiders Children’s Medical Center of Israel;
- **Esti Galili** – MD, Director of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Hadassah Medical Center, Israel
- **Tawfiq Salman** – MD, President of the Palestinian Association for Child & Adolescence Mental Health, Palestine.



11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Cairo Arafat – Managing Director, Bidaya Media, United Arab Emirates
Young Children and Empathy – I see, hear and feel you. Using the power of media to educate children to understand and communicate with other.

12:00 Open Discussion Session 3 – Chairmen **Professor Caffo** and **Professor Leckman**

13:00 End of Session 3

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SESSION 4

14:30 Nedal Maiamoud Shaker Sadeh – Combatants for Peace

Yonatan Korenstein – MD, Neveen Elias Bustan Galil, Israel
“Bustan Galil” A Jewish – Arab bilingual kindergarten in the Galil of Israel

Jenny Isaacs – MT, Director of Heart to Heart, a joint project of Givat Haviva and Hashomer
Hatzair Camp Shomaria, Canada
Airplanes, Canoes, and Mice: The role of shared experiences in building shared society



15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Clarke Reeves – *Seeds for Peace*

Anat Marnin – *The Parents Circle – Families Forum*

Haifa Staiti – Founding Executive Director, Empathy for Peace
Arna’s Children and the Power of Empathy

17:00 Open Discussion Day 2 and Closing Remarks by **Professor Caffo, Professor Leckman, Professor Simon Baron-Cohen**

