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Virtual Conference

THE BEST WEAPON FOR PEACE MARIA MONTESSORI, EDUCATION, AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

BY ERICA MORETTI

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Erica Morretti is an Assistant Professor of Italian at the Fashion Institute of Technology-SUNY. Moretti's book, *The Best Weapon for Peace: Maria Montessori, Education, and Children's Rights* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2021), reframes Montessori's pacifism as the foundation of her educational activism, emphasizing her singular vision of the classroom as a springboard to reshaping society. Using newly discovered primary sources, Moretti examines Montessori's lifelong pacifist work, including her ultimately unsuccessful push for the creation of the White Cross, a humanitarian organization for war-affected children. She uncovers the significance of Montessori's evolving philosophy of peace and early childhood education within broader conversations about internationalism and humanitarianism.

Moretti has written on European history, politics, and ideas for various magazines and newspapers, including *The Washington Post* and *Il Manifesto*.

Hosted by Chandra Fernando and Meredith and Tom Le Grand

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