

Monday, 5th October 2026

Letter to Roma Tre University

Attn: Rector Prof Massimiliano Fiorucci
Attn: Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva
Director of Rome International Seminar 8th edition
Rome, Italy

Subject: Appreciation and gratitude letter

Dear Rector Fiorucci and Massimo Caneva,

We hope this letter finds you well and safe.

First and foremost, we want to send you our warm greetings from Jerusalem, in the Holy Land, a place still waiting for peaceful days to come.

We, the Palestinian Delegation, wish to convey to you, our high appreciation and deep gratitude for taking us part of the Rome International Seminar this year which was hosted at Roma Tre University between 21st and 27th September 2026. We were pleased to accept the invitation and to attend the seminar.

It is needless to say that this is a very special and unique seminar that brings together Rectors, Professors, Students, Academics and Diplomats in one place, for a common shared goal of University cooperation and its role in the process of peace.

This year, our delegation was headed by Prof. Ibrahim Matar, the coordinator of the Palestinian universities in Palestine; the delegation also consisted of one Tutor, Ahmad Muna, a graduate of Al-Quds University and one student from Bethlehem University, Mayar Aby Arafah, a student of computer science.

The Seminar this year started with incredible panels of speakers, first by the speeches of Prof. Massimiliano Fiorucci, Rector of Roma Tre University, followed by talks and speeches by various participants and professors from the various participating countries. It was then also followed by many interventions from the many Italian diplomats in the Middle Eastern region. This was particularly important as it gave us an insight of the efforts and work that is put by the Italian foreign ministry for achieving peace in the Middle East.

The day could have not ended in a better way, the program had organized for us a wonderful evening in the amazing neighborhood of Trastevere in Rome, where we attended an exceptional concert at the beautiful Basilica Santa Cecilia.

The following day was a day at the Vatican, for the Wednesday Mass, a very special experience in many ways, it was the first time for many people to be there. The rest of our day and the afternoon was well spent as we made our way north with organized visits to few locations including the wonderful city of Viterbo followed by a visit to Palazzo Farnese Caprarola, we were well received, had a guided tour that ended with a peace concert in a heavenly atmosphere.

The program continued to get better, next was an academic session in the morning at Balletti Park Hotel, this was the time for the students to shine. This meeting was incredibly interesting with many important interventions from the students, and it was incredible to see and hear the discussion amongst all participants, a discussion that continued for days after the session, and was not limited to the walls of the meeting room. In the afternoon we visited the historical town of San Martino al Cimino, before heading back to Rome.

The students then processed for a day at the Roma Tre Campus in Rome, specifically at the political science department. The lectures were delivered by highly professional lecturers, that were thought provoking and encouraged the discussion; these lectures tackled issues related to the European Union, free trade, EU regulations as well as the topic of Human rights, and its implementation and respect worldwide. The students benefited immensely from these lectures and discussion as it deepened their knowledge on these topics. These were also discussions that extend beyond the class room.

We, as a delegation find the participation in this program a great success, the program is surely rich, busy, has a huge value in advancing and developing peace in the region, and above all it is well managed by the host, Roma Tre university as well as the director of the Program, Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva.

We must also stress the benefit gained from all exchange of ideas and information across the board, the participation of other members from different countries enriches this experience significantly. These countries include: Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Croatia and Montenegro. And a special addition to this year's edition, Cyprus and Ukraine were also present.

Conclusively; we are enormously thankful and grateful to Roma Tre University for all efforts made to make this Seminar a success. We appreciate all the logistics and the hard work that was put behind it, from arranging our flight tickets and accommodation to the small minor details insuring everyone was happy and comfortable. Without the leadership of Roma Tre University this program would not be a success in the same way. A special thank you note also goes to Mr. Luigi di Carlo for all his attention and support before and after the trip and his energy to take care of everyone.

Our gratitude also definitely goes out to the Italian Foreign Ministry for funding this program. We hereby confirm to the Ministry the efficiency of the Program. We hope that they will continue to support and sponsor this Seminar for years to come with particular attention to 2027 Seminar.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the director of the program. Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva who is the mastermind behind this seminar, and his dedication to the role of university in peace and development. His limitless energy and force to move forward ensured the success of this program as it has a very successful track record.

With our best wishes and sincere appreciation.

Yours faithfully.

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