"Converting Brain Drain into Brain Gain" at the Association "Rondine Citadella Della *Pace*", *Arezzo, Italy* November 23rd-27th 2009, Italy

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In collaboration with the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC), Michele Fenianos and Nadine Mazraani, both students of International Affairs and Diplomacy at Notre Dame University Lebanon, along with the accompanying Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Public Administration and Diplomacy (FPSPAD) Dr. Chahine Ghais, gave a presentation entitled Converting Brain Drain into Brain Gain during the transcontinental study week at the Association "Rondine Cittadella della Pace" (Arezzo, Italy), a nonprofit-making association active in creating culture of dialogue through the creation of the International Hall of Residence, a neutral territory for students coming from conflicting regions.



Michele Fenianos doing the FPSPAD/LERC on "Brain Circulation regarding the Lebanese Diaspora" (Nov 2009).

The aim was to highlight the role that expatriates can play in building peace in their country of origin through university initiatives thanks to the process of brain circulation.



Participants from NDU from left to right: Dr. Chahine Ghais, Dean of FPSPAD, FPSPAD students Michele Fenianos and Nadine Mazraani, and Rondine staffer Ruba Berberi, (Nov 2009).