

## EDITORIAL

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# A Partnership for Peace

Cooperation and mutual support are the keys to success, which is why we at the UOC want to share our contributions to peace and conflict resolution studies taught at universities and research centres all over the world, and published in scientific journals.

In today's violent world, we need to cooperate and establish agreements to share information and research programmes, to form alliances between universities which have courses on conflictology. In this way we will gain academic recognition, establish practical agreements, or simply contribute to the spread of our collective activities and plan joint publications.

In the short or medium term, it is planned to publish the *Journal of Conflictology* (JoC) in Spanish and French, as well as the current English version. We also want to share with other institutions the publication of electronic books and the organisation of international conferences, such as the 5th International Congress of Conflictology and Peace which we recently organised in Barcelona.

The Internet makes it easier for us. Online courses and journals, such as the JoC, have a global reach. Personal communication is fast and efficient... and the demands for peace are pressing. Regional wars, political conflicts resulting from a lack of democracy, social conflicts as a result of crime, the economic crisis and the demands for freedom are more than sufficient justification for establishing strategic partnerships in favour of peace, social justice and a solution to problems.

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