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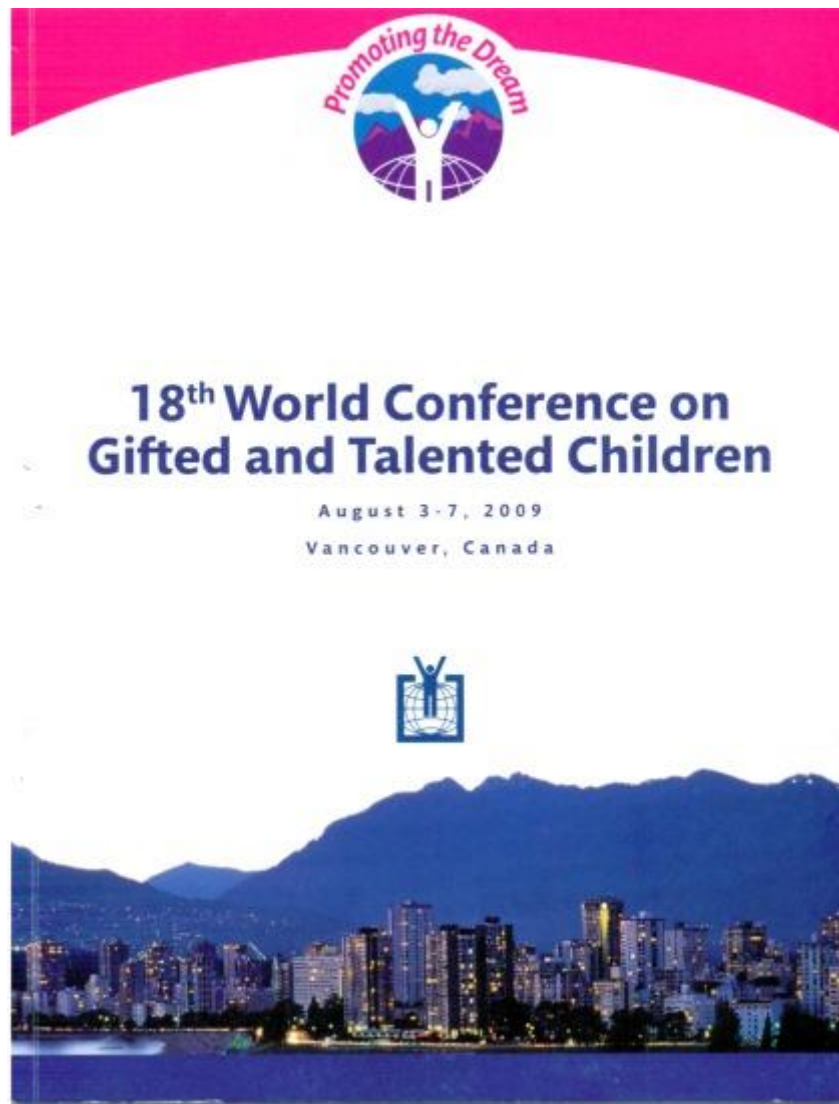
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## Abstract Talenta "Politics"

### Remember the Alamo! Why and How Politicians and Academics Retard Gifted Education

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[The topic 2009 "Politics" stands for the unholy interrelations between politics and academic world that often lead to a "no go", when important (and expensive) projects for the minority of gifted children is discussed. Daring ...but true. Let us hope for the happy Alamo (re)turn!]

#### **Remember the Alamo! Why and How Politicians and Academics Retard Gifted Education**

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Advocacy of open-minded, pragmatic and pluralist, yet thoroughly evaluated Gifted Education often feels as if Davy Crocket stood alone against Santa Ana's huge armies! Why are politicians so reluctant, even afraid to foster a variety of models in Gifted Education? And why are so many academics - who should know better - prematurely compliant to these questionable political taboos?

The founders of Talenta School Zurich - a practical and successful example of Gifted Education - have been sitting on all chairs: Parliament, Administration, Institute of Education, Parent, Teacher.

So they are entitled to report and categorize their broad everyday experience with politics, law, school administrations and universities. The main results are quite universal... Join the Alamo!

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