

GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

December 2019

This is an overview and some of the recent achievements of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS) network.

(Please visit the HumanDHS website to download the PDF edition of this document with active links.)

Our 33rd Annual HumanDHS Dignity Conference in Brazil was unlike any other we had before!

The conference took place at the time when the Amazon had just been set on fire, and everyone was in a state of anxiety, alarm, and emergency.

Because of the environmental emergency, the conference didn't take place in a fixed location. Instead it unfolded as a "caravan conference," where the conveners went to the participants to engage in dignity dialogues. This mobile methodology allowed the program to be responsive to the conditions on the ground, sometimes changing course from minute to minute. Thus it became a fluid conference, like a river that always finds its way.

The participants began meeting on August 28, 2019, in Marabá, the "gate to the industrialization of the Amazon," and we concluded the conference on September 7, 2019, in Belém, a place of immense cultural diversity, visionary history, and deep indigenous roots.



Learning from the True Experts

We had the great privilege of learning from the true experts of sustainable dignifying life, namely, those who know how to live with the rainforest, rather than against it — we admired the knowledge of a fishing community and a gardening community. We also had the privilege of speaking at the City

Council of Marabá, where we went to schools and the university. In Belém, we were honored by being invited into the Legislative Assembly of the State of Pará on World Amazon Day, September 5th.

Special Thank Yous!

We wish to express our profound gratitude to the inspirers, hosts, conveners, and organizers of this conference, Dan Baron and Manoela Souza. They are the directors of the Transformance Institute: Culture & Education and its AfroRaiz Youth Collective of the "Rios de Encontro" (Rivers of Meeting) project in the Community University of the Rivers in Marabá, Pará, Brazil. Our gratitude goes as much to Sandro Ruggeri Dulcet, who took over as convener of the second part of our conference in Belém. We thank Sandro and his wife Marlucia for their most generous hospitality! Furthermore, we highly appreciated the invitation of Congressman Dirceu Ten Caten to Amazon Day.



➤ A New Way to Connect to Workshops and Conferences: WhatsApp?

For the first time ever, Gabriela Saab initiated and hosted a new way to connect with the conference through texting. Using WhatsApp, a phone texting program, many participants were able to join in discussions examining ecological and political threats to the Amazon Rainforest and Indigenous communities. Please join us in thanking Gaby for her many valuable contributions to the conference!



If DIGNITY was a tree

What would we see? Among its branches, inspiringly there would be three: Character-elevation | Behavior-amelioration | Life-quality transformation Among the fruit Dignity would bear, what would you and me share? Dignicharacter formation | Dignilogue cultivation | Digneconegalization | DigniNature preservation | DigniHumanity education



Inspired by these words by Professor Francisco Gomes de Matos, murals were painted by the pupils of Redjane Andrade, a teacher of English at a public school in Recife, in August 2019. It was made into a T-shirt that Professor Francisco can wear!

➤ Meeting with Leaders in Marába

At the opening of the ordinary session on the morning of Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the Marabá City Council welcomed members of the Rivers of Encounter Project. Six young people from the Cabelo Seco Community said good-bye before departing to Europe to defend the Amazon, to show the strength of culture and what they are doing to help preserve it. Please see an article in the local newspaper Correio: "Jovens vão à Europa defender a Amazônia." (pdf)

➤ A Cry for Help: Children of the Amazon

"Dear Amazon...We value you now, but only after learning an important and valuable lesson in life: That something so natural cannot be sold as if it were property...We human beings did not value you soon enough. If we had all collaborated with you, today you would be beautiful and radiant." The children from the Irmã Theodora School in the municipality of Marabá in Para, Brazil (August 2019). Please read the entire letter: Portuguese (original); English translation; French translation; German translation; Norwegian translation.

David Yamada Receives Award at the International Congress on Law and Mental Health in Rome

Please join us in congratulating HumanDHS Board Member David Yamada who received the Bruce Winick Award for contributions to the field of therapeutic jurisprudence. The award was presented to him at the International Congress on Law and Mental Health, sponsored by the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in Rome! Congratulations, David! Please read his acceptance speech and more...



An Interview: Listening for Peace with Yoav Peck

Yoav Peck is co-director of the Sulha Peace Project, an organization that specializes in facilitating positive, peaceful encounters between Israelis and Palestinians where the focus is on listening — truly listening — to each other. In this interview with Marian Brehmer, Yoav speaks about the project and the experience of listening in this way: "The deeper experience of listening is about fully being with people"... "It is all about building trust." Please read more...

TEDx Talk with Jennifer Goldman-Wetzler: "Free Yourself When Conflict Resolution Fails"

Jennifer Goldman-Wetzler, a longtime member of the HumanDHS community, "helps us see that when our attempts to resolve conflict fail, we can free ourselves by doing something different and taking pattern-breaking action." Her TEDx talk is based on her soon to be released book, Optimal Outcomes: Free Yourself from Conflict at Work, at Home, and in Life (HarperBusiness, February 25, 2020). In addition to the video, please read more here or download a free guide based on the book.

> TEDx Talk with Kathy Beckwith: A Mighty Case Against War

Congratulations to Kathy Beckwith for her recent TEDx presentation based on her Dignity Press book, A Mighty Case Against War. In her video, Kathy Beckwith asks: Is using war as a means of resolving conflict an outdated premise? Is it time for us to move on from the battlefield? And if so, are there alternatives that actually work? She shares her big idea — there are plenty of alternatives to war, if only we choose to use them.

TEDx Talk with Robin Edgar: Reminiscence: A Healing Pathway to Forgiveness

Congratulations to Robin Edgar for her recent <u>TEDx presentation</u>. It offers a powerful prescription for personal healing, and forgiveness can come when we share our stories. In today's fast-paced and forward-charging society, many people may never take time to share with others the stories that have shaped their lives or to listen with understanding to others. Learn more here.

Medical Improv "Train the Trainer" Workshop: Improving Communication and Key Outcomes

Congratulations to Beth Boynton, RN, MS, for presenting a special workshop for health care providers on November 1, 2020, in Portsmouth, NH. In this program, nurses and other leaders interfacing with health care teams or clients were offered tools that they can use for the rest of their careers. The workshop was designed to help professionals build trust and engage groups; teach communicationrelated skills; and decrease stress. Please read more here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/medical-improv-101-t3-intensive-for-improving-communication-key-outcomes-tickets-73598329585

> "Human Dignity and Childhood" and "Raising Public Awareness through Discussions of Human Dignity in Childhood" Workshops

Congratulations to Lucien Lombardo and his colleagues for their workshop on "Human Dignity and Childhood" on November 18, 2019, in conjunction with the Harriet Tubman Center for Justice and Peace and the school system here in Auburn, NY. His efforts are highlighted in this newspaper story: https://auburnpub.com/news/local/auburn-school-district-teaming-up-with-social-justiceorganization/article bf076ec0-4ab9-5f87-8353-713acb805181.html. Lucien also presented a workshop "Raising Public Awareness through Discussions of Human Dignity in Childhood" at the September 2019 Prevent Child Abuse America Conference in Milwaukee, WI.

> The International Center for Assault Prevention: Philip Brown and HumanDHS Colleagues

Congratulations to Phil Brown, Gay Kumer-Rosenblum, Michael Greene, and Ariel Lublin for their ongoing efforts with the International Center for Assault Prevention. They will be sharing their efforts with this organization at our workshop. For more information: http://internationalcap.org/starting-cap/

Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters: Adenrele Awotona

Founder and Director Adenrele Awotona continues advancing the work of the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. We are happy to hear that the CRSCAD is now affiliated with the School for the Environment and may again offer the course: Human Dignity, Human Rights and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction.

New Book by David Y. F. Ho: Rewriting Psychology

In his new book, HumanDHS member David Ho asks, "Of what use is psychology if it does not help to solve the pressing problems of the day at the individual and collective levels?" David "shies away from providing ready-made answers but spares no effort in stirring the reader to ponder questions about human nature and behavior." Please read more...

New Book by Vamik Volkan: Ghosts in the Human Psyche: The Story of a "Muslim Armenian"

This book is described as "A gripping psychological exploration of how a community's historical ghosts can enter the individual's inner world. Vamik Volkan examines the impact of past and present historical events, cultural elements, political movements and their mental images on the psyche of individuals. For more information: phoenixpublishinghouse.co.uk---firingthemind.com https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Vamik+Volkan%27s+books&ref=nb sb noss 2

Vegar Jordanger Founds a Norwegian Company Focusing on Life Mastery and **Sustainability/Climate Education**

Congratulations to Vegar Jordanger for his efforts to train teachers and school leaders in the areas of life mastery and sustainability (http://kolin.no). This fall his company launched a "climate workshop": https://kolin.no/Kurs/Nasjonalt-klimamesterskap-og-fagfornyelsen/. He also shares the following videos with participants: https://youtu.be/iAS163iwzMIhttps://youtu.be/iij9Lainccghttps://youtu.be/BU3JIE6EVo8

➤ A Chinese Translation of *Making Enemies*

The Chinese translation of Evelin Lindner's book, Making Enemies: Humiliation and International Conflict, is out! Liu Lanzhi, professor in English teaching in Beijing, worked tirelessly on the translation since 2011. Join us in offering our most heartfelt gratitude! The book is available from Dangdang or Jd.com. For more information...

> The Humiliation Inventory: Portuguese Edition of a Research Tool

Congratulations to Francisco M. S. Cardoso and Ana C. M. Ramos for developing a Portuguese version of the *Humiliation Inventory*, which is based on the first scale to assess the experience of humiliation developed by Linda Hartling, 1995. This Portuguese version of the scale is described in this recently released article: Cardoso, Francisco M. S., Ramos, Ana C. M., & Hartling, Linda M. (2019). Humiliation Inventory: Adaptation Study for Portuguese Population. Análise Psicológica, 37(2), 235-248. doi:10.14417/ap.1460. If you are interested in this research, please kindly address your correspondence to Dr. Francisco Cardoso, Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro: fcardoso@utad.pt

> The Rochester Seed Library (which offers free, open-pollinated seeds and resources for planting, growing, harvesting, and seed saving)

Why start a public seed library? Heidi Kass, who co-created this initiative, explained, "... organic food in the stores can be so expensive and cost-prohibitive...if you can get started with your own seeds, you can grow really good healthy food and improve the health of [the] community." More than 5,700 seeds have been checked out so far. Please see this news video. For more information about this project, please visit the Rochester Seed Library webpage.

> DignityNowNYC Continues to Bring **HumanDHS Friends Together**

The DignityNowNYC group is a model for all who wish to create dignifying dialogue and deepening connections through our work! A special thank you goes to Michael Britton, Janet Gerson, Chipamong Chowdhury, Judit Revéz, David Yamada, and all who gather together in this ongoing community.

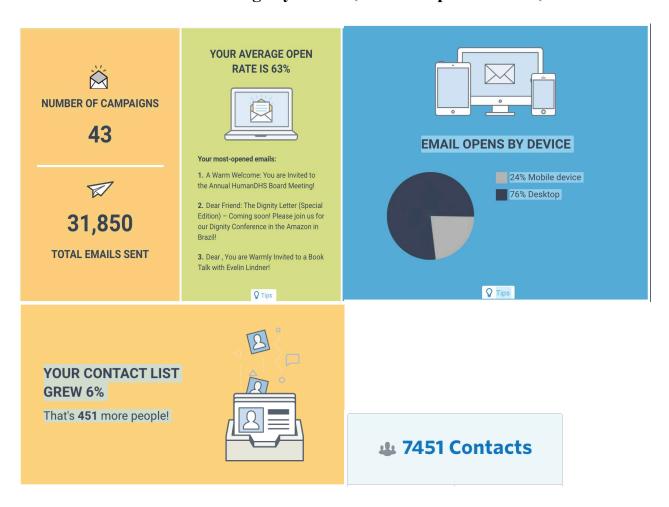


➤ World Dignity University (WDU) Initiative Continuing Partnership with the Western Institute of Social Research (WISR) to Offer Dignity Studies — Continuing Developing Project

The WDU and WISR are continuing their connection in order to offer adult learners the opportunity to pursue the multidisciplinary study of topics related to human dignity and social change. For more information, please contact John Bilorusky, Ph.D., at: johnb@wisr.edu



Constant Contact Connections - Dignity Letters, Workshop Invitations, and More



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Dignity Press News: Publications

- > Dignity Press Publishing in Progress: Welcome Our Newest Books!
 - Human Dignity: Practices, Discourses, and Transformations Dignity Press will soon be releasing Human Dignity, a book offering essays on dignity studies honoring the life and work of Evelin Lindner. The editors, Chipamong Chowdhury and Michael Britton, have brought together a diverse group of scholars and activists to contribute to this very special publication.
 - From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity HumanDHS Founding President Evelin Lindner is in the final stages of publishing her new book, From Humiliation to Dignity, which includes a foreword by Howard Richards. A digital version of this publication, with full endnotes, will soon be downloadable from Evelin Lindner's webpage for
 - The Norwegian Nobel Committee and the Women: 1901–1960, by Ingunn Norderval
 - We are deeply thankful for Zuzana (Zsuzsa) Luckay Mihalcinova and Jane Hilken for their ongoing support of Dignity Press projects. Their countless efforts to review projects and offer authors' guidance and encouragement are deeply appreciated by all involved.

29 Dignity Press Books Published!

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- * Human Dignity: Practices, Discourses, and Transformations Chipamong Chowdhury and Michael Britton
- ❖ The Human Climate: Facing the Divisions Inside Us and Between Us Carol Smaldino
- ❖ Verwundet vernarbt verwandelt: Mit Verletzungen leben Petrus Ceelen
- * Honor, Humiliation, and Terror Evelin Lindner
- ❖ A Journey to the East Michael H. Prosser
- ❖ No Greater Love: Testimonies on the Life and Death of Felicitas Nivitegeka Fr. Jean d'Amour Dusengumuremyi
- ❖ Unbounded Organizing in Community Gavin Andersson & Howard Richards
- ❖ A Mighty Case Against War Kathy Beckwith
- ❖ *Dignity Economy* Evelin Lindner
- * The Pearl Ragnhild Nilsen
- ❖ The Nurturing of Time Future Howard Richards
- * Rare Flower Ada Aharoni
- ❖ Decolonizing Peace Victoria Fontan
- ❖ Afghanistan Pierre Amal Kana (in French)
- ❖ *Gandhi and the Future of Economics* Howard Richards
- ❖ A Journey Through Turbulence Deepak Tripathi
- * Finding Cross-Cultural Common Ground Michael H. Prosser, Mansoureh Sharifzadeh, & Zhang Shengyong
- ❖ Dignity: A Multidimensional View Francisco Gomes de Matos
- ❖ Online Collaborative Learning Kenday S. Kamara
- ❖ Ein liebendes und ruheloses Herz Helmut E. W. Starrach
- ❖ Conversations of Taoist Master Fu Hsiang Mark Tarver
- * Enlightened or Mad? A Psychologist Glimpses into Mystical Magnanimity David Y. F. Ho
- * The Magic of the Everyday Arctic Queen
- Meditations on Mystery George Wolfe
- ❖ Mehr als du denkst. 77 Namensgeschichten Petrus Ceelen ("More Than You Think: 77 Name Stories," in German)
- ❖ Çekirdekten Yetistirme Hayal Köksal ("Catch Them Young," in Turkish)
- ❖ Chinese Communicating Interculturally Li Mengyu & Michale H. Prosser
- Generating Forgiveness and Constructing Peace Through Truthful Dialogue Hilarie Roseman
- ❖ Halt die Ohren Steif 99 Friedhofsgeschichten Petrus Ceelen

Evelin's Global Presentations and Publications:

- > Interview mit Hannemarie und Hermann Düvel in Esperde bei Hameln, in Niedersachsen, 22. November 2019.
- > A Summary of Evelin Lindner's Impressions During the 2019 Dignity Conference in the Amazon, 10th October 2019. In this video, Evelin Lindner tries to summarise her impressions and reflections in the Amazonian State of Pará from 26th August to 10th September 2019. Please be aware that this video has been brought together using very basic software. It is kept "unlisted" to protect the privacy of the people who are included.
- Evelin Lindner on Combú Island, Amazonian State of Pará, Brazil. This is Evelin Lindner on Combù Island in the Amazonian State of Pará, Brazil, on 6th September 2019. Combú Island is fifteen minutes by boat across the Guamá river from Belém. Evelin speaks at a time when the Amazon Rainforest is burning further southwest. This is Evelin Lindner's contribution to the Belém-part of the 33rd Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies.
- > The Amazon Day at the Parliament of Pará State in Belém: Deputado Dirceu Ten Caten Invited Evelin Lindner. Dirceu Ten Caten is a Congressman/Deputado in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Pará/Assembleia Legislativa do Estado do Pará ALEPA in Belém, the capital of the Amazonian State of Pará, Brazil. He kindly invited Evelin Lindner to speak on Amazon Day on 5th September 2019.
- Encontre e conecte! Please Meet and Connect! Lecture given at the Instituto Humana in Mosqueiro, Belém, Pará, Brazil, 4th September 2019, for the Belém-part of the 33rd Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies, a "Caravan" conference titled "Cultivating Good Living Amazon: Nurturing Solidarity with Mother Earth," in the Amazonian State of Pará, 28th August – 7th September 2019. Evelin Lindner was one of the main conveners of this conference, with Sandro Ruggeri Dulcet as the convener of the Belém-part of our conference and Gaby Saab as host of the international WhatsApp group with 50 participants that accompanied the conference.
- The World Dignity University Initiative in Vila Praia Alta. In this video, Evelin Lindner explains the relevance of communities like Vila Praia Alta in the Amazon for the idea of the World Dignity University Initiative. Gabriela Saab and Evelin Lindner were deeply impressed by the sustainability of the ways of living they encountered when they had the privilege of spending time there on 31st August 2019. They saw almost no plastic, almost no waste, everything was used.
- > Circle of Love Gifts in Marabá, Amazonian State of Pará, Brazil. Evelin Lindner lives globally to gather a global community of people who wish to nurture dignity around the world, and whenever she receives a gift in one part of the world, she takes it to another part of the world and looks for a worthy recipient for that gift. The concept is called "circle of love gifts." This video shows the Circle of Love Gift session with Dan Baron and Gaby Saab in the House of Rivers in Cabelo Seco on 30th August 2019, as part of the 33rd Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies.
- Interview with Dan Baron, Gaby Saab, and Evelin Lindner on Radio Correio 92.1 in Marabá. Sandro Campos and Célia Campos interviewed Dan Baron, Gaby Saab, and Evelin Lindner on 30th August 2019, at a time when the Amazon Rainforest was on fire. Dan Baron and Gaby Saab translated Evelin's contributions from English to Portuguese.
- > Evelin Lindner's Message to the City Council of Marabá, Amazonian State of Pará, Brazil video-recording on Evelin's camera) – the relevant section edited out by Evelin Lindner from the video of the entire session (cell phone version) that was recorded by the City Hall and posted on their Facebook page. This is Evelin Lindner's message to the City Hall of Marabá, Pará, Amazon, Brazil, on 28th August 2019. On the morning of Wednesday, 28th August 2109, the Marabá City Council welcomed members of the Rivers of Encounter Project. The conference was accompanied by a global WhatsApp group of 50 participants. See also the article in the local

- newspaper Correio: "Jovens vão à Europa defender a Amazôni." See also Rios de Encontro: Towards a Good Living Amazon (Flying River Tour)
- Für ein neues Miteinander, Hameln/Hamelin, Germany. Vortrag von Evelin Lindner im Bürgerhus, Kupferschmiedestraße 13, Hameln, 19. August, 2019, Uhr Organisatoren: Artes Wesera & ZediTA (Zentrum für digitale Transformation und neue Arbeit) (Leider hört das Video am Ende wegen Tonstörung plötzlich auf.) Hier ist die Pressemitteilung, die auch in der Deister- und Weserzeitung (Dewezet) erschien, dann die Einladung, und die Vorankündigung in der Dewezet, und dann der Dewezet Artikel danach, mit dem Titel Für "ein neues Miteinander." Ankündigung im Radio-Aktiv mit Jens Lindner: "Für ein neues Miteinander."
- Dignity and Humiliation: A Radio Interview of Evelin Lindner by Will Hall, In this interview with Will Hall, Evelin Lindner shares her global efforts to overcome the roots of violence and war. She also describes the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies initiative that encourages all people to treat each other with dignity. Please listen to the interview recorded for Madness Radio...
- Annual Mandela Lecture, United World College, Norway "From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity." It was a great honor for Evelin Lindner to be invited to hold the Annual Mandela Lecture at the Red Cross Nordic United World College in 6968 Flekke, Fjaler kommune, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway, on 29th March 2019. The title of her lecture was "From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity." Thank you to Manuel Macedo for recording this lecture! (Please be aware that this is an unedited video.) See Sven BD Onnerstad's wonderful photos!
- > Om menneskeverd og ydmykelses psykologi Kirkens Bymisjon, Engelsborg Ressurssenter, Helgesensgate 62, Oslo, Norway, 25th March 2019, 11.30.
- > On Dignity and Humiliation Annual open lecture at the Department of Psychology at the University of Oslo in Norway, Harald Schjelderups hus, Forskningsveien 3, auditorium 3, 22nd March 2019, 12.15-14.00. We thank the Department of Psychology for this invitation and Lasse Moer for a fantastic video documentation. See also the UiO Podcast edition. See all of Evelin's 2019 talks in Norway at https://conta.cc/2Rr9W51.[5].
- > Post-Conflict, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: The Case of Rwanda. Closed lecture and seminar at the University of Oslo, Department of Psychology, Harald Schjelderups hus, Forskningsveien 3, Oslo, Norway, followed by students' presentation of group work on Rwanda and discussion. It was a privilege to be part of PSY4506 - Human Rights, Democracy and Reconstruction after Conflict; A community based approach, by Nora Sveaass and Inger Skjelsbæk, 21st March 2019, 10.15 – 14.00.
- Following Foucault: The Trail of the Fox A New Book. Lectures by Howard Richards with dialogues among Evelin Lindner, Howard Richards, and Catherine Odora Hoppers. Foreword by Crain Soudien (CEO of the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa) and an Introduction by Magnus Haavelsrud, Stellenbosch, South Africa: AFRICAN SUN MeDIA, 2018, 277 Pages, ISBN 978-1-928357-62-9. The book can be ordered from the publisher. See a review by Lance Wheatley (2019). "Following Foucault: The Trail of the Fox." In Journal of Critical Realism, 1-6, doi: 10.1080/14767430.2019.1614804.

Upcoming Events and Other News

- ➤ We have 1,354 videos on YouTube, some public and some not public. Many of our videos are dialogues with scholars, practitioners, and activists who are contributing their knowledge, expertise, and ideas in support of our World Dignity University initiative.
- ➤ We have over 1,000 regularly active members and more than 7,400 names on our email list. Constant Contact—which allows us to send electronic announcements to our entire community continues to document that our electronic messages have higher "open rates" compared to the rates of other similar organizations.

- **▶** We have over 320 distinguished scholars and other professionals on our Global Advisory Board.
- **We are looking forward to the following events:**
 - Welcome to Evelin Lindner's annual lecture *On Dignity and Humiliation* at the Department of Psychology at the University of Oslo in Norway, Harald Schjelderups hus, Forskningsveien 3, forsamlingssalen, 27th February 2020, 10.00–12.00. We thank the Department of Psychology for this invitation.
 - We are also pleased that Evelin will be offering a talk entitled, "The European Social Psychology and Its Responsibilities: Dignity and Humiliation," which is part of a Symposium on Humiliation organized by Saulo Fernandez at the 19th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology in Krakow, Poland, 30th June 4th July 2020: https://easp2020krakow.com/.
 - Announcing Our 2020 Global Dignity Conference:

35th Annual HumanDHS Conference



Global Vulnerabilities — From Humiliation to Dignity and Solidarity

Please save these dates! September 21 – 24, 2020 Madrid, Spain

The conference is hosted by the National Distance Education University/Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), and its Faculty of Psychology/Facultad de Psicología, in Madrid, Spain, in cooperation with the World Dignity University initiative. We very much thank Saulo Fernández, Associate Professor at the Facultad de Psicología, UNED, for convening this conference together with Professor Emeritus José Francisco Morales Domínguez at UNED.

For the latest information...

• Welcome to the 2020 Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict in New York City in December.

Global Map of HumanDHS Conferences to Date!

