



# How Dignity and Humiliation Inform Conflict, Including at the Work Place, Particularly in a Global Setting

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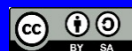
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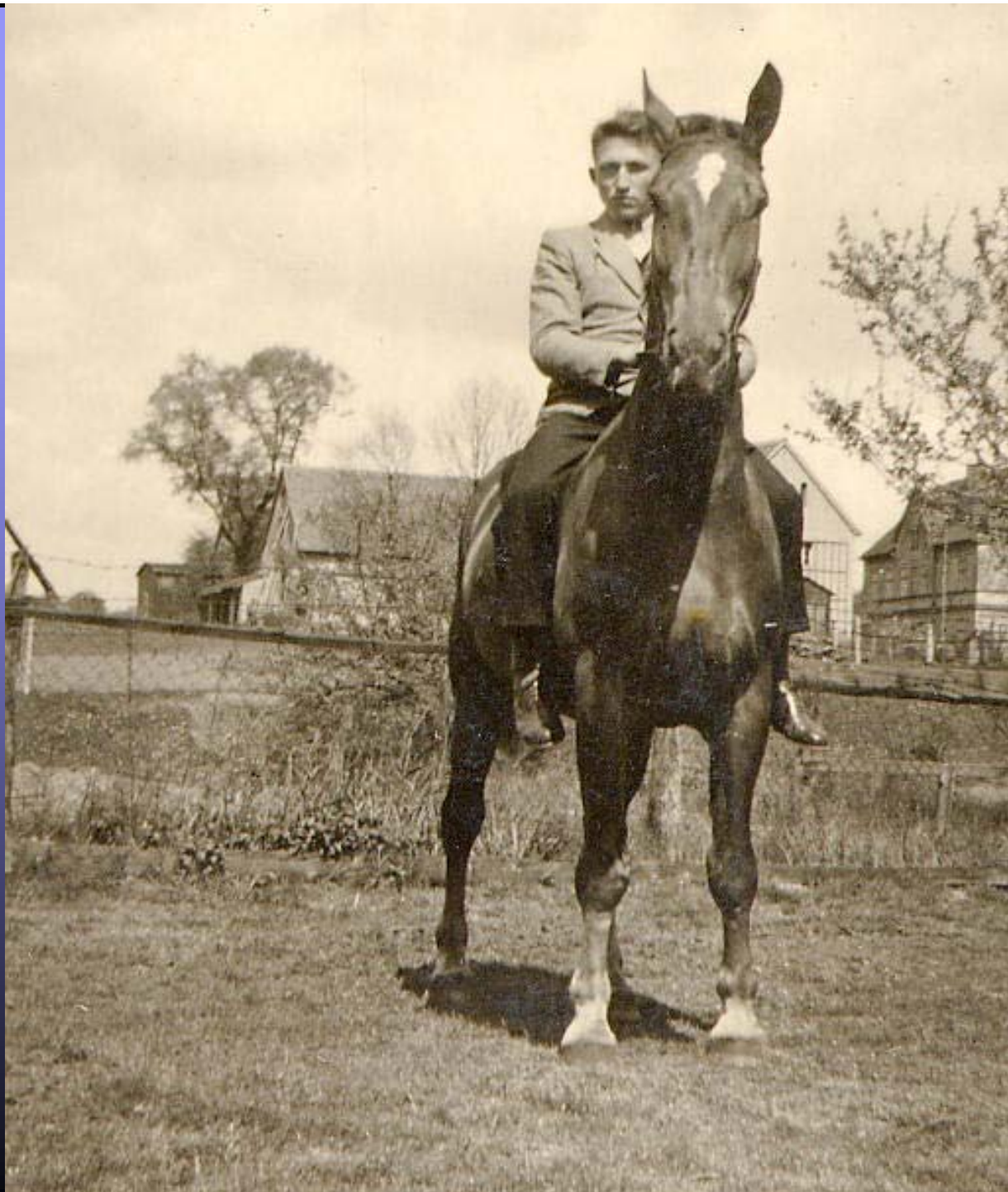
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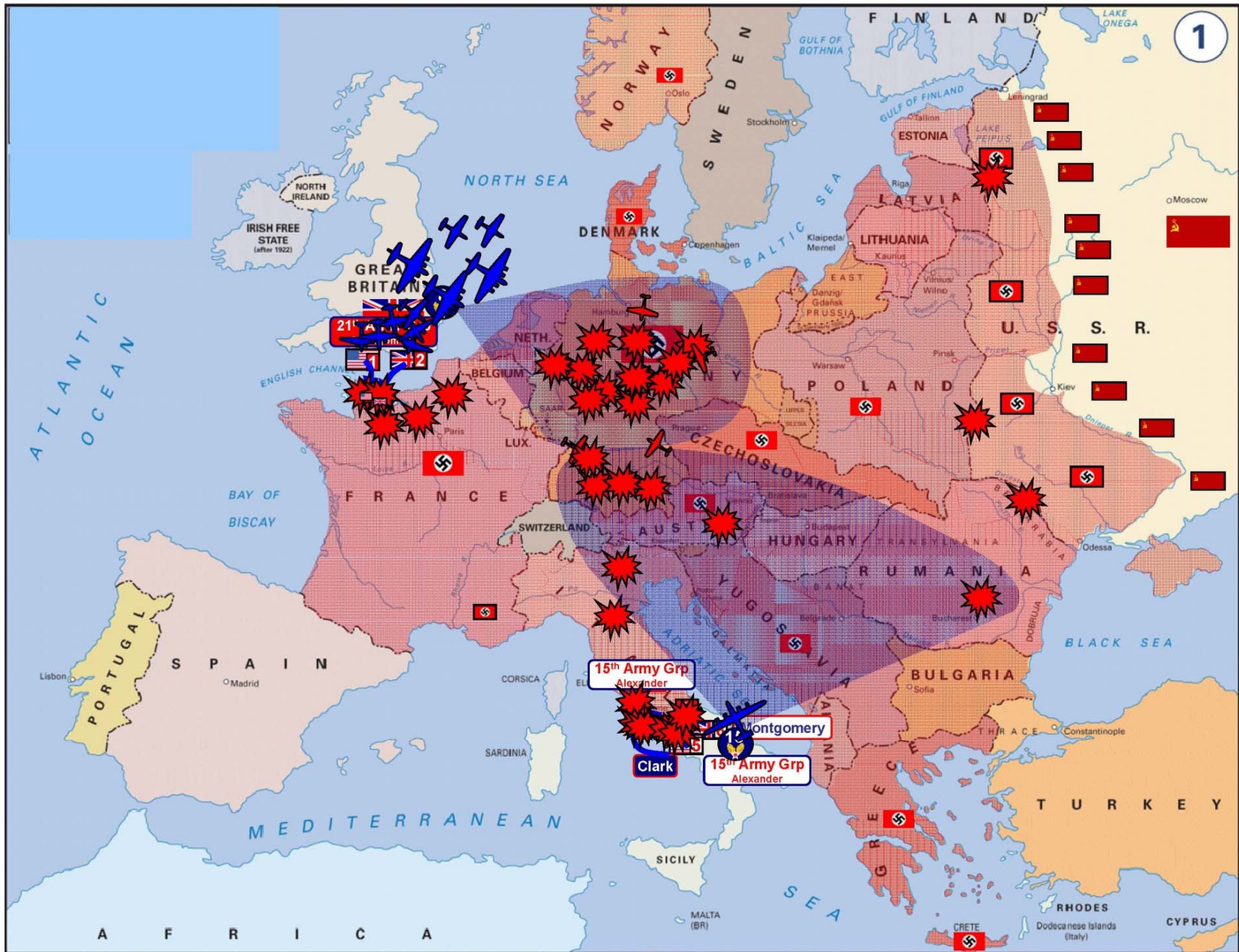
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- 1. What is the relation between dignity and values?**
- 2. What does dignity look like?**
- 3. What does humiliation look like?**
- 4. What does work in restoring dignity look like? Uplifting something that was never lost vs. 'fixing' something broken?**
- 5. What about the dignity of the offender of dignity?**
- 6. Do most conflicts have a dignity issue / violation in them?**
- 7. How to spot it / look for it / ask for it / name it?**







# ELEANOR ROOSEVELT *and the* UNIVERSAL DECLARATION *of* HUMAN RIGHTS

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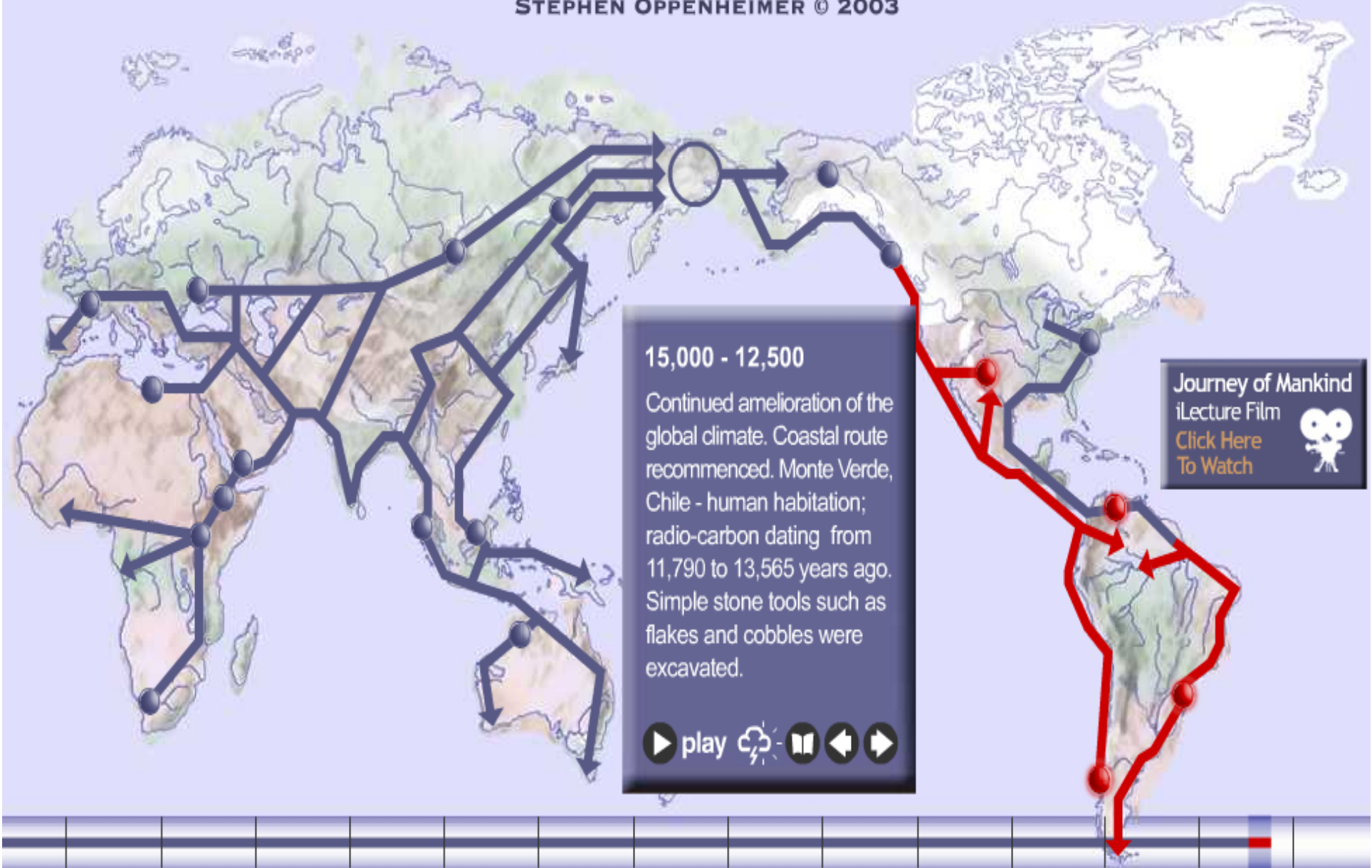
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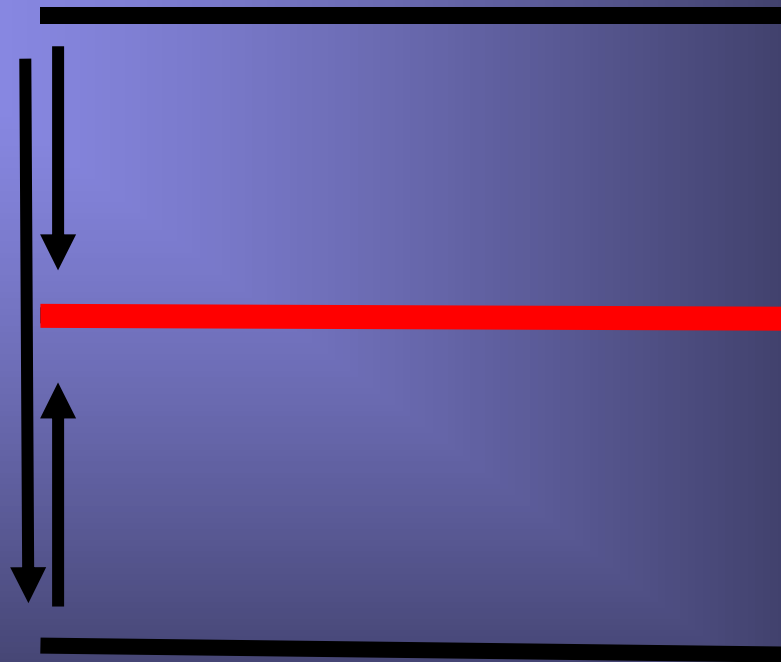
Continued amelioration of the global climate. Coastal route recommenced. Monte Verde, Chile - human habitation; radio-carbon dating from 11,790 to 13,565 years ago. Simple stone tools such as flakes and cobbles were excavated.



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## Cases...

**Workplace bullying**  
**Authoritarian leadership**  
**Domestic violence**  
**Honour killing**  
**Apartheid**

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# Important dates

- 200 000 years ago, win-win
- 12 000 years, win-lose competition for domination
- 1757 *egalisation*
- 1967/72 we see our planet from outside
- 1980 we start to overuse our resources
- 1991 end of Cold War, opportunity for *One World*
- 2008 collapse of blind belief in the 'market'
- Now: overcoming systemic humiliation!











# Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies

([www.humiliationstudies.org](http://www.humiliationstudies.org))

non-profit effort

Global fellowship of like-minded academics and practitioners

non-profit labour of love, for a new future for humankind

*(for new, rather than against old structures)*

Research   Education   Ideas for Action





**Unity**

**in**

**Diversity**





## Nobel Peace Prize nomination 2015, 2016, 2017











**25th Annual Dignity Conference in Kigali, Rwanda, June 2015**  
**Host: The National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC)**



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**27th Annual Dignity Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2016**  
**Host: The Inter-University Centre (IUC)**  
**Ljoba Jenče shared her [art](#)**

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**28th Annual Dignity Conference, Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict, Columbia University, New York City, December 2016**

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**29th Annual Dignity Conference in Indore, India, August 2017**  
**Host: Renaissance University**  
**Pranjali Singh Parihar taught Kathak [dance](#)**

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**31th Annual Dignity Conference in Cairo, Egypt, September 2018**

**Host: Heliopolis University**

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**33rd Annual Dignity Conference in Marabá, in the Brazilian Amazon, the state of Pará**

**Host: Amazonian Community University of the Rivers**

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# **World Dignity University**

**non-for-profit initiative**

**([www.worlddignityuniversity.org](http://www.worlddignityuniversity.org))**

**Universitas scholarium: a community of scholars**

**The World Dignity University initiative**

**is an invitation**

**to YOU to help form a global community of edu-learners for whom  
dignity is central**

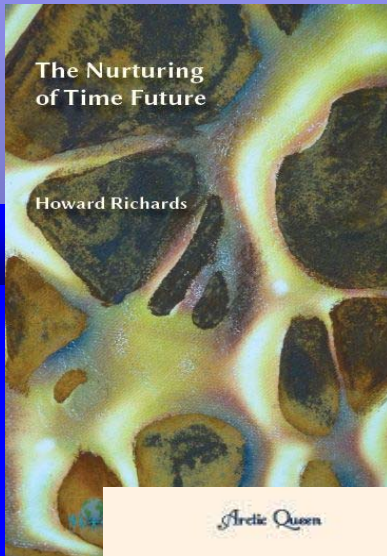




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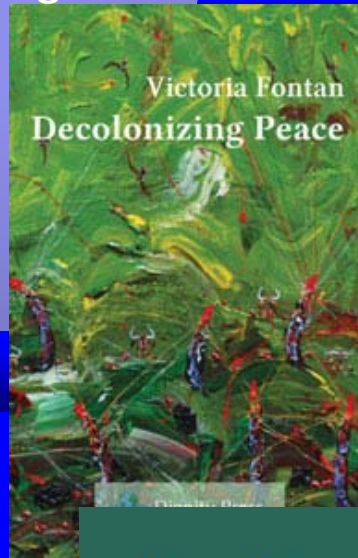
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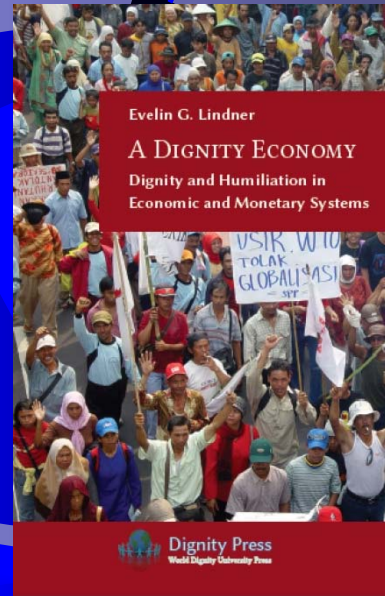


The Nurturing  
of Time Future

Howard Richards



Victoria Fontan  
Decolonizing Peace



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### A DIGNITY ECONOMY

Dignity and Humiliation in  
Economic and Monetary Systems

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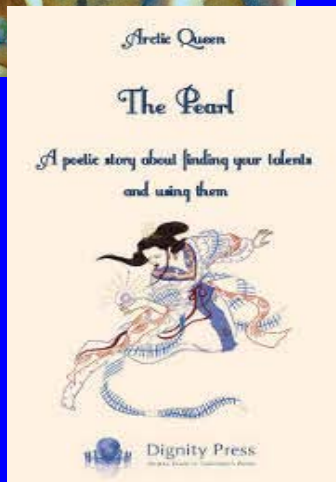
## Afghanistan

Le rêve pashtoun et la voie de la paix



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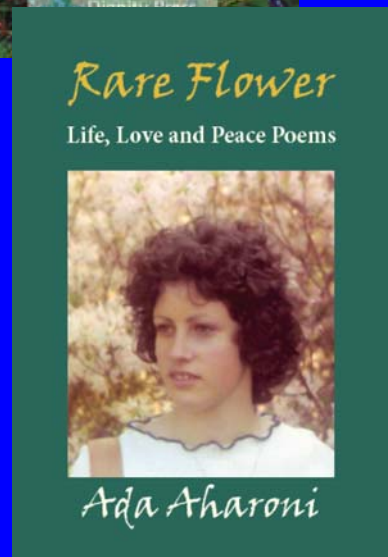
Arctic Queen

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A poetic story about finding your talents  
and using them



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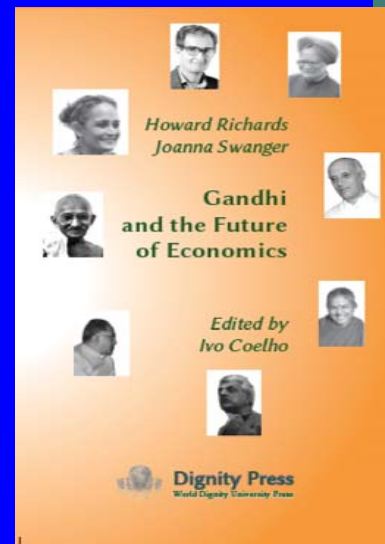


## Rare Flower

Life, Love and Peace Poems



Ada Aharoni

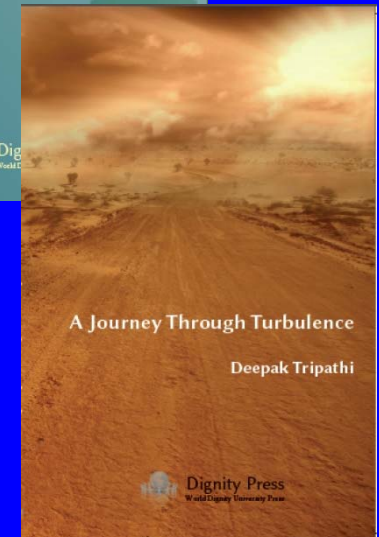


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# MAKING ENEMIES

Humiliation and  
International Conflict

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Foreword by Marton Deutsch

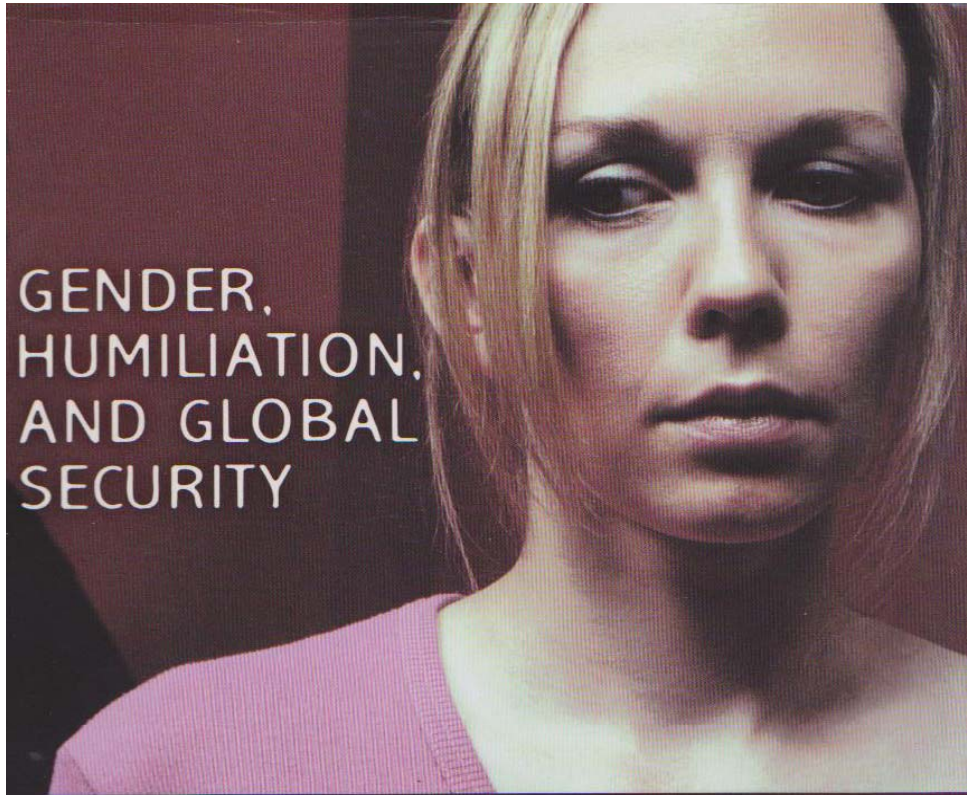


# Emotion and Conflict



HOW HUMAN RIGHTS CAN DIGNIFY EMOTION  
AND HELP US WAGE GOOD CONFLICT

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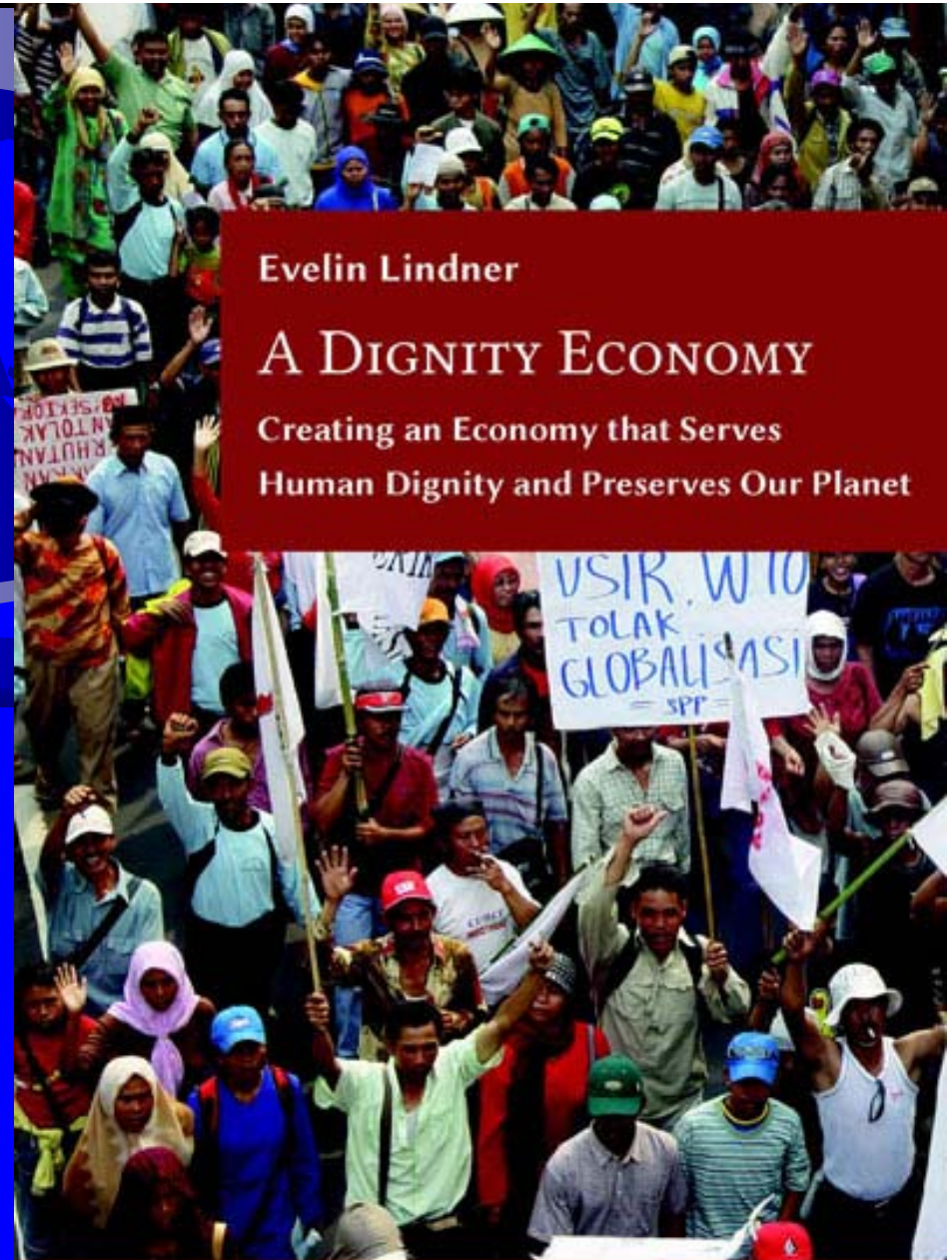


GENDER,  
HUMILIATION,  
AND GLOBAL  
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DIGNIFYING RELATIONSHIPS  
FROM LOVE, SEX, AND  
PARENTHOOD TO  
WORLD AFFAIRS

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Foreword by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu



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## A DIGNITY ECONOMY

Creating an Economy that Serves  
Human Dignity and Preserves Our Planet



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# Honor, Humiliation and Terror

An Explosive Mix -  
And How We Can Defuse It with Dignity

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# From humiliation to dignity!

**Humankind has reached a boiling point. Hijacked by toxic competition for dominance, "might" has become "right."**

**The consequence is ubiquitous destruction executed through tools of terror. This book is a globally informed account of how we can reverse this rising tide, making dignity our destiny and legacy – before it is too late.**



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