

**From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity**  
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The International Igniting Mind Lecture Series intends to provide an opportunity to students across various disciplines in Jagran Lakecity University to listen to and interact in a formal virtual session with global faculty, experts and practitioners and understand the global and diverse perspectives on the courses and programmes they are pursuing at undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral levels. The International Igniting Mind Lecture series aims to elevate the level of knowledge for students at Jagran Lakecity University by bringing in world renowned faculties, experts and practitioners from around the world. This programme is conceived with the idea of mutual sharing of knowledge and opening the gates for future collaborations



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**Abstract**

The coronavirus pandemic that unfolds as we speak represents an important turning point in the way human activities unfold on our planet: For the first time, everyone is affected simultaneously. The virus makes it more palpable than ever before that the world has become a village, that we are all interconnected and interdependent. Never before has it been so clear that we must act together, and fast.

The pandemic comes on top of a list of crises that gets longer by the day: Financial crisis, credit and banking crisis, environmental and ecological crisis, biodiversity crisis, housing crisis, well-being crisis, education crisis, spiritual and moral crisis, trust and trusting crisis, indifference crisis, fake news and faking crisis, reality crisis, populism and fascism crisis... all leading to a generalised 'time of crisis'.

It is always a shock when limits are reached that hitherto were imperceptible. Sudden tipping points change conditions so fast and drastically that it is difficult to bring about equally drastic adaptations. We, as humankind, have the choice of proceeding unimpeded with 'business as usual'

towards the global depletion of planet Earth's last resources, or we can rethink and shape our future path by inventing new ways of arranging our affairs on this planet. Never in our species' history have we encountered more serious challenges. The generations alive now carry more responsibility on their shoulders than any generation before. The presently unfolding coronavirus crisis is likely to be only a small prelude. We stand at historically unparalleled crossroads.

As humanity is in crisis, new ideas are needed. These new ideas may not come from the power centres of the past, but from young students in India. This is why the main message of this talk goes to young students: Please be extremely careful when you hear phrases such as 'developed country', or 'success', or 'progress', or 'wealthy', or 'rich'. Always ask: 'Developed in what?' 'Success in what?' 'Progress in what?' 'Wealthy in what?' 'Rich in what?'

This talk calls on all Indian students: Wake up! You have traditions that are far more valuable than what so-called 'modernity' has brought to the world. Look at the world from your own perspective, avoid the mistakes that we, as humanity, have committed throughout the past decades, centuries, and millennia. Help 'save the world' with the wealth of your wisdom and ingenuity!

### **Evelin Lindner's biography**

Evelin G. Lindner has a dual education as a Medical Doctor and a Psychologist, with a Ph.D. in Medicine (Dr. med.) and a Ph.D. in Psychology (Dr. psychol.). She is the founding president of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS, [humiliationstudies.org](http://humiliationstudies.org)), a global community of concerned academics and practitioners who wish to promote dignity around the world. Dr. Lindner is also co-founder of the World Dignity University initiative, including the publishing house Dignity Press. All initiatives are not-for-profit labours of love based on the practice of direct solidarity and gift economy.

Lindner lives and teaches globally and is affiliated, among others, with the University of Oslo in Norway since 1997, with Columbia University in New York City since 2001 (with the Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, AC4), and since 2003 with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris.

Together with the HumanDHS network, she convenes two conferences per year. First, the "Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict" takes place each December at Columbia University in New York City, and, second, the other conference is held in a different location each year, since 2003 in Europe (Paris, Berlin, Oslo, Dubrovnik), Costa Rica, China, Hawai'i, Turkey, Egypt, New Zealand, South Africa, Rwanda, Thailand, India, and the Brazilian Amazon.

The nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015, 2016, and 2017 gave all network members great courage.

If you wish to receive copies of Evelin Lindner's books, please contact her:

— *Making Enemies: Humiliation and International Conflict*, 2006, Foreword by Morton Deutsch

— *Emotion and Conflict: How Human Rights Can Dignify Emotion and Help Us Wage Good Conflict*, 2009, Foreword by Morton Deutsch

— *Gender, Humiliation, and Global Security: Dignifying Relationships from Love, Sex, and Parenthood to World Affairs*, 2010, Foreword by Desmond Tutu

— *A Dignity Economy: Creating an Economy That Serves Human Dignity and Preserves Our Planet*, 2012, Foreword by Linda Hartling and Uli Spalthoff

— *Honor, Humiliation, and Terror: An Explosive Mix – And How We Can Defuse It with Dignity*, 2017, Foreword by Linda Hartling

— *From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity*, forthcoming in 2020, Foreword by Howard Richards

See more chapters and papers in full text on [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoware/evelin02.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoware/evelin02.php)

Please see several links to more biographical information:

— Search Wikipedia for Evelin Lindner

— See [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin.php) and search for *A Psychologist's Personal Experience as a Global Citizen* and *A Global Life Design: Reflections and a Chronological Description*

### Links to videos

— See a list of talks and presentations here: [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin021.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin021.php)  
This includes the E-Conclave with Evelin Lindner at the Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vihar in Indore, live on YouTube on 11th July 2020, <https://youtu.be/59JxZAA4nOA>

— See a list of videos here: [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/videos/00\\_lindner.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/videos/00_lindner.php)

— The videos from the 2017 Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies in Indore, hosted by the Renaissance University:

[www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/annualmeeting/29.php#videos](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/annualmeeting/29.php#videos)

In attendance:

— Professor Dr. Anoop Swarup, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University

— Katyayani Singh, research scholar in the discipline of political science, with a PhD thesis on the topic of *Nonkilling and Global Peace: A Study on Emerging Paradigms and Prospects*.

— A welcome video from 2007: <http://youtu.be/vqDYgRpcy94>.

— Evelin Lindner's Invitation to Join the World Dignity University Initiative, 2011:

<https://youtu.be/qGyPwHC5JdU>

— 'On Dignity and Humiliation', University of Oslo, Norway, 2019: <https://youtu.be/WeXH-R80zeM>

— 'From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity — The Coronavirus Pandemic as Opportunity in the Midst of Suffering', Evelin Lindner's contribution on 30th May 2020 to the virtual conference 'The Psychology of Global Crises', convened by the American University of Paris, 20th–30th May 2020.

Please see:

a preparatory 60 minutes presentation on 29th May 2020, <https://youtu.be/cfNeg1zD8Y0>

or the final presentation of 35 minutes on 30th May 2020, <https://youtu.be/k3QtIwqTpDg>

— The 33rd Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies in the Brazilian Amazon:

— The Amazon Day at the Parliament of Pará State in Belém: <https://youtu.be/RWRCdvOqKpQ>

— 'Please Meet and Connect!' Lecture given at the Instituto Humana in Mosqueiro, Belém, Amazonian State of Pará: [https://youtu.be/VOlbsH\\_5ETI](https://youtu.be/VOlbsH_5ETI)

— Evelin Lindner Explains the Relevance the World Dignity University Initiative in Vila Praia Alta, Amazonian State of Pará: <https://youtu.be/2mdgYkAdUGE>

— Evelin Lindner's most recent presentation at the United Nations: 'How Dignity and Humiliation Inform Conflict, Including at the Work Place, Particularly in a Global Setting (Pdf of Powerpoint)', reflections shared with the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services (UNOMS) in New York City on November 30, 2017: <https://youtu.be/LvpSknkd3ww>