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The Role of Dignity and Humiliation for Peace & Conflict Studies

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12:00 – 2:00 pm

**Don Carruthers Room, Level 5,
Dorothy Hill PSE Library, Hawken Building (50)
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This seminar is about humiliation, globalization, human rights, and dignity. The central question is the following: Could it be the case in a globalizing world in which people are increasingly exposed to human rights advocacy, that acts of humiliation and feelings of humiliation emerge as the most significant phenomena to resolve? This seminar suggests that this is the case. It claims that the citizens of this world share a common ground, namely a yearning for recognition and respect that connects them and draws them into relationships. The seminar argues that many of the observable rifts among people may stem from the humiliation that is felt when recognition and respect are lacking. The seminar proposes that only if the human desire for respect is cherished, respected, and nurtured, and if people are attributed equal dignity in this process, can differences turn into valuable diversities and sources of enrichment—both globally and locally—instead of sources of disruption.

Evelin G. Lindner is a social scientist with an interdisciplinary orientation. She holds two PhDs, one in medicine and another in psychology. Her book "Making Enemies: Humiliation and International Conflict" was published by Praeger/Greenwood in 2006. Lindner is currently establishing Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (www.humiliationstudies.org, HumanDHS) as an international platform for further work on dignity and humiliation. Lindner designs her life as a global citizen in order to be able to build HumanDHS globally. She teaches as an associate professor and guest professor at universities in Norway (University of Oslo, and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim), and is affiliated to the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris, while teaching as visiting guest professor wherever her path leads her, for example, among others, the United States (Columbia University, New York), Japan (International Christian University, and Rikkyo University, Tokyo), Israel (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), Australia (Queensland University), or Costa Rica (United Nations-mandated University for Peace).

The seminars are free, and all academics, staff, students, and interested persons are welcome.

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