



Human Dignity and
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GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

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This is an overview of recent achievements of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies network:

- **Celebrating 10 Years of HumanDHS!**
- **Dignity Press:** Led by Uli Spalthoff, Dignity Press has published 12 books!
 - ❖ *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
- **Electronic Books:** Dignity Press is in the process of being approved as an official publisher of electronic books on iTunes and will also apply to publish electronic books on Amazon.com.
- **Journal of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies:** Thanks to Uli Spalthoff technological skills and new developments in Open Source software, the JHumanDHS will be relaunched as an online journal in 2014.
- **The 21st Annual HumanDHS Conference in South Africa:** This was yet another of our “unconference” conferences, a unique, co-created conference. Rather than organizing time around keynote presentations, the conference was organized around human-to-human conversations, building greater understanding and new ideas through mutually dignifying dialogue.
- **HumanDHS at Global Conferences:** Uli Spalthoff, Director of Project Development and Systems Administration, represented the HumanDHS network at two global conferences: *Globalization for the Common Good Initiative Conference on Economics and Spirituality*, chaired by Kamran Mofid, member of our Global Advisory Board, held in Paris. Board of Directors member Michael Britton attended the *Rhodes Forum: World Dialogue of Civilization at Rhodes*, which is dedicated to promoting dialogue among civilizations and cultures as the path to a better future.

- **The World Dignity University (WDU) Initiative: This initiative is entering into educational partnerships!** Mariana Vergara is initiating a course on *Co-creating Sustainability in the Amazon Rain Forest with the Kichwa Community* through the World Dignity University Initiative. She has also submitted a research proposal to the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) describing a project that would bring together the work of the World Dignity University (WDU) initiative and the NTNU. This initiative aims to build upon and strengthen understanding of the existing knowledge of ethno-botanical practices of indigenous people. It is designed to be a springboard for the emergence of the Kichwa community to become known as leaders in sustainable forest management, inspiring others in their region.
- **Graduate Course at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, Spring 2014:** Thanks to Adenrele Awotona, director of the **Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters** University of Massachusetts in Boston, we will be offering the course, *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction*, providing training to students and professionals working in disaster relief, conflict resolution, international relations, security, and emergency services.
- **Spreading the Word:** Evelin Lindner has been sharing our message with individuals at the UN and in other organizations, see www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin021.php for more information:
 - January 25, 2013, *Ydmykelse som bakenforliggende motiv i internasjonale konflikter og politisk massevold*, lecture at the Department of Political Science/Institutt for statsvitenskap, at the University of Oslo, Norway, invited by Bernt Hagtvet, as part of STV1530 - Folkemord og politisk massevold i det 20. århundre, Aud 1, SV-Bygget, Blindern.
 - January 23, 2013, *Dignity and Humiliation: Norway and the Concept of "likeverd,"* lecture at the Department of Psychology/Psykologisk institutt at the University of Oslo..
 - February 19, 2013, *Verdighetens økonomi*, presentation at Stord kyrkjeakademi, Stord, West Coast of Norway, upon the kind invitation of Tora and Dag-Eirik Eikeland.
 - May 31, 2013, *Unbounded Organization*, Evelin Lindner at the Seriti Staff Seminar, convened by Gavin Andersson, Director of the Seriti Institute in the Johannesburg Area, South Africa.
 - July 4, 2013, *Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies: Transdisciplinarity in Practice*, Evelin Lindner at the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Capacity (PERC) Workshop, University of Cape Town, South Africa, convened by PERC co-ordinator Robert Morrell.
 - July 5, 2013: Lunch time discussion to trace the connections between a "Dignity Economy" (see Evelin Lindner's book *A Dignity Economy*), "Values Based Leadership," "Inclusive Innovation," "Business Model Innovation," and "Management and Leadership Education," convened by Kosheek Sewchurran, Innovation Management & Information Systems, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
 - September 13, 2013, *Konstruktive Veränderungsprozesse in der Behandlung von traumatisierten oder anders gedemütigten Menschen*, Evelin Lindner's Hauptreferat 5, PSY&PSY-Kongress 2013 "Übergänge - eine Herausforderung / Les déficits de la transition" Montreux, Switzerland.

- November 14, 2013, *There is No Path to Peace. Peace Is the Path*, Evelin Lindner at the Religious Leaders World Peace and End War Conference, United Nations Church Center, New York City, USA.
- November 21, 2013, *Dignity and Humiliation*, Evelin Lindner as guest in the Blogtalkradio Sangoma, Stories from the Frontlines of Mediation, with Bathabile K. S. Mthombeni, J.D., a Mediator, Negotiator, and Conflict Management Facilitator, and Founder and Principal of Untangled Resolutions: The Problem Is the Answer in New York City, USA.
- November 26, 2013, *How Are Dignity and Humiliation Relevant in Our Lives, Our Societies, and for the United Nations?* Evelin Lindner at The United Nations Interagency Framework Team for Preventive Action brown bag lunch event at 1 UN Plaza (DC-1), New York City, USA.

- **We have over 200 videos on YouTube!** 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 personally invited members and more than 5,500 names on our email list.**
- **We have 296 distinguished scholars and other professionals on our Global Advisory Board!**
- **We are looking forward to the 23rd Annual HumanDHS Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand March 8–12, 2014!**

A Global Map of HumanDHS Conferences!

