

## GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

December 2017

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

### ➤ Celebrating the 29th Annual Human Dignity Conference in Indore, India

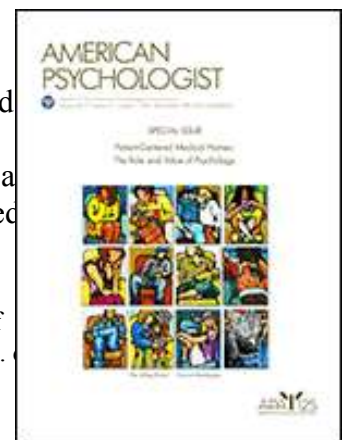
We had a remarkable dignity conference in Indore, India! There are not enough words to express our appreciation, recognition, and deep gratitude to all those who made this conference possible! Everyone also engaged in an enormously enriching process of co-creating new horizons of meaning for ourselves and for our societies, including our world society.



We invite you to visit the conference website to see the program, papers, pictures, and videos that tell the story of this richly diverse and remarkable event! (Please see: [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/annualmeeting/29.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/annualmeeting/29.php))

### ➤ **HumanDHS in the *American Psychologist*:** The *American Psychologist* is the official journal of the American Psychological Association. It is described as the authoritative source for substantive and feature articles that advance psychology in the United States, with a circulation of 80,000. An article and a comment recognizing the work of the HumanDHS community were published this year.

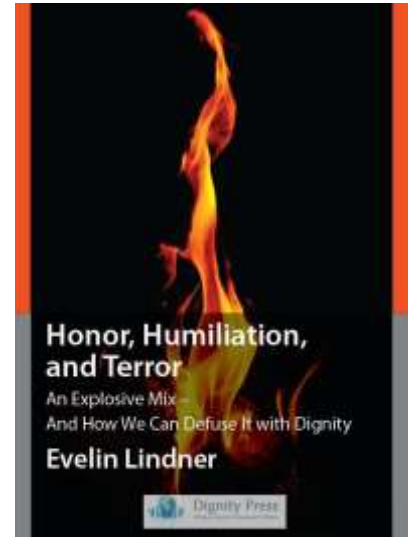
- Hartling, L. M., and Lindner, E. G. (2017) "Toward a Globally Informed Psychology of Humiliation: Comment on McCauley (2017)," *American Psychologist*, 72 (7): 705–706. doi: 10.1037/amp0000188.
- McCauley, C. (2017) "Toward a Psychology of Humiliation in Asymmetric Conflict," *American Psychologist*, 72 (3): 255–265. doi: 10.1037/amp0000063.



- **We are still celebrating the official publication of Evelin’s monumental book, *Honor, Humiliation, and Terror: An Explosive Mix – And How We Can Defuse It with Dignity*.**

**Description:** 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 breathtaking, globally informed account of how we can reverse this rising tide, making dignity our destiny and legacy...before it is too late.

We are delighted that Evelin will be sharing her reflections in a dialogue at our Public Event during the 2017 Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict.



- ***The Humiliation Inventory (HI) Update:***

Linda Hartling’s (1996) scale to assess the internal experience of humiliation, developed under the supervision of Donald Klein, has been translated into Italian, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Norwegian in progress and has been extending the research on humiliation around the world.

- **DignityNowNYC:**

The DignityNowNYC group is a model for creating dignifying circles of ongoing connection and support! Michael Britton will share his reflections about this year of meetings, supported by Janet Gerson, Chipamong Chowdury, and Judit Revéz. Congratulations on their loving care of this ongoing circle of beacons of dignity.



- **A Vienna Week of Dignity:**

We congratulate Zuzana (Zsuzsa) Luckay Mihalcinova, Ph.D., together with Martin Rohla, Katha Schinking, and Christiane Bertolini, for developing and presenting the upcoming "Wiener Woche der Würde" ("Vienna Week of Dignity"), May 2–5, 2018. [humiliationstudies.org/documents/LuckayDignityVienna2017.pdf](http://humiliationstudies.org/documents/LuckayDignityVienna2017.pdf)



➤ **Introducing the World Dignity University (WDU) Channel!**

Gabriela Saab has organized a YouTube channel for the WDU initiative! Please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCICijFpmLU8A2MFruk8hVLg>.



➤ **HumanDHS continues its collaboration with the University of Massachusetts:**

Linda Hartling, Evelin Lindner, Michael Britton, and Uli Spalthoff are offering their online graduate course: *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction* through the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disaster, which is under the direction of Professor Adenrele Awotona at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

This course explores how globalization dramatically alters the ways we engage in helping relationships at all levels. It proposes that post-disaster reconstruction can be an opportunity to implement innovative and sustainable solutions that support the healing, health, and dignity of all involved in post-disaster recovery. It includes students from all over the world.



## ➤ Celebrating a New Book

Linda Hartling and Evelin Lindner contributed the chapter, “Dignity in Times of Crises: Communicating the Need for Global Social Climate Change” to a new book, *Routledge Media and Humanitarian Action Handbook*, edited by Purnaka L. (PL) de Silva and Robin Andersen, published by Routledge. PL and friends present the book at the UN on Dec. 7, 2017, and then come our Public Event.

## ➤ Dignity Press News!

- **We welcome Zuzana (Zsuzsa) Luckay Mihalcinova, Ph.D.,** as an editor for Dignity Press! We can’t thank her enough for her efforts to meet with Uli Spalthoff to learn how to move forward and for working with authors developing book projects. It is a great honor to have her support and leadership.
- **Uli Spalthoff is facilitating a mutually dignifying transformation of DP!**
  - Uli has developed a financial system for Dignity Press that we are very excited about!! It will allow him to work with Rick Slaven to easily keep track of DP sales and revenue online!
  - Uli is working with Zsuzsa on the process of moving projects through the DP pipeline.
  - Evelin has worked with Uli to understand the Lightning Source publishing system (our print publishing and distribution service and the key components of desktop layout design).
  - Linda has completed a course on desktop publishing that will allow her to provide layout support not only for developing print books, but also for ePubs. In addition, she is working with Uli to develop a “Style Guide” for all DP publications.
- We are deeply thankful for Uli and Zsuzsa’s leadership as we develop an equally dignifying and energizing approach for developing and distributing DP books that builds on the strengths of our community.



## 27 Books Published

- ❖ *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 Niyitegeka* — Fr. Jean d’Amour Dusengumuremyi
- ❖ *Unbounded Organizing in Community* — Gavin Andersson & Howard Richards
- ❖ *A Mighty Case Against War* — Kathy Beckwith
- ❖ *Systems in Transition* — Susan Scharwiess (Ed., in press)
- ❖ *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



➤ **The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Recipients and Nominee:**

Founding President Evelin Lindner, as a representative of our HumanDHS network, was again included among the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize nominees. This third nomination is another affirmation of our global dignity work and Evelin's forty years of service and action to bring peace and dignity into the lives of all people.

We warmly congratulate the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for their crucially important work, Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2016, and the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015.

➤ **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. All students pursuing a Dignity Studies specialization would take a 5-credit course, "Dignity Studies," as part of their required courses. For more information, please contact John Bilorusky, Ph.D., at: johnb@wizr.edu

➤ **Book on Systemic Humiliation and Systemic Dignity:**

We are looking forward to the publication of *Power, Humiliation, and Suffering in America*, edited by Daniel Rothbart.

**Description:** The primary theme of this volume is that certain systems in America exert controls over targeted population groups through mechanisms of humiliation that are designed to invade their minds, warp their thoughts, annul their self-esteem, and render them docile to the more powerful social forces. With this volume we introduce the term "systemic humiliation" to refer to a social system's routine norms, the "taken for granted" rules, the "common sense" administrative decisions, and the seemingly innocent procedures, all of which are strategically deployed to diminish the self-esteem of certain population groups.

## Evelin's Global Presentations

- *A Global Life Design: Reflections and a Chronological Description, 2006–2017*. Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin/09.php#chronology](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin/09.php#chronology).
- November 15, 2017: *What Is the Aim of Education? The Need to Educate in Dignity and for Dignity*. Lecture given on November 15, 2017, in the context of the International Education Week 2017 organized by the Office of International Services (OIS) at Teachers College (TC), Columbia University, New York City. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/videos.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/videos.php).
- August 18, 2017: *On the Nature of Dignity and Humiliation*, comments at the 29th Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies in Indore, India. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/videos.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/videos.php).
- August 16, 2017: *Dignity in Times of Globalization*, two keynote addresses at the 29th Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies in Indore, India. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/videos.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/videos.php).
- August 2017: *Invitation to a Future that Dignifies People and the Planet: New Definitions of Heroism*. Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin02.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin02.php).
- April 2017: *Bestemødre for fred i Oslo (2017)*. Løpeseddel om ydmykelse. The Grandmothers for Peace in Oslo distribute flyers in front of the Norwegian Parliament every Wednesday. They prepared a flyer on Evelin Lindner's work and distributed it on April 5, 2017. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php).
- March 28, 2017: *Bernt Hagtvet and Aase Cathrine Myrtveit (2017)*. *Ydmykelse – følelsens atombombe*. Oslo: NRK (Norsk rikskringkasting/Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation) Radio P2, "Verdibørsen." [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php).
- March 22, 2017: *Åpent temamøte: Om ydmykelse*, Litteraturhuset, Oslo, invitert av Human-Etisk Forbund, Oslo fylkeslag. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php).
- March 13, 2017: *Honor, Humiliation, and Terror*, Mandagslunsj, introduction/åpningsinnlegg Inga Bostad, University of Oslo/Universitetet i Oslo, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights/Norsk senter for menneskerettigheter. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php).
- March 2, 2017: *Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Reconciliation: The Case of Rwanda*. Oslo: Lecture, Universitet i Oslo/University of Oslo, Psykologisk institutt/Department of Psychology. [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoeware/evelin021.php).



## Upcoming Events and Other News

- **We have more than 350 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 6,900 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 300 distinguished scholars and other professionals on our Global Advisory Board.**
- **We are looking forward to:**
  - **The 2018 Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict in New York City.**
  - **Announcing our 31st Annual HumanDHS Conference in Cairo, Egypt, 2018.**
  - **The 2019 Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict in New York City.**
  - **Announcing our 33rd Annual Conference in Marabá, the Amazonian state of Pará, Brazil, in 2019.**

### Global Map of HumanDHS Conferences!

