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

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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?
WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
determined
to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small

- Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations

All Different  All equal

All human beings are born free & equal in dignity and rights.

- Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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15,000 - 12,500

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.
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)
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

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Nobel Peace Prize nomination
2015, 2016, 2017

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25th Annual Dignity Conference in Kigali, Rwanda, June 2015
Host: The National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC)
27th Annual Dignity Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2016
Host: The Inter-University Centre (IUC)
Ljoba Jenče shared her art

Dr. med, Dr. psychol. Evelin G. Lindner
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
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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is an invitation
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dignity is central
Honor, Humiliation and Terror
An Explosive Mix – And How We Can Defuse It with Dignity
Evelin Lindner
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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