

## Programme for the Enhancement of Research Capacity (PERC) SEMINAR

**Date:** Thursday 4 July 2013  
**Time:** 12h15\* for 12h30-14h30  
**Venue:** Seminar Room,  
Research Office

*\*the seminar will be preceded by lunch*



**Space is limited  
Booking essential**

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### **DIGNITY AND HUMILIATION STUDIES: TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN PRACTICE**

**presented by Dr Evelin Lindner,  
University of Oslo, Norway**

#### *Overview:*

Although most people recognize that the world is becoming 'a global village,' learning institutions are racing to keep pace with this transformation. What they have not done so far is bring into focus the social-relational changes that lead to feelings of humiliation—feelings that can foment violence—and the ways in which such dynamics infiltrate the institution of education itself. In this workshop, Evelin Lindner will use the efforts of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS) network and its World Dignity University initiative as an example of an innovative learning organization that builds knowledge by tapping into the intellectual wisdom of an inclusive global community to study the dynamics of dignity and humiliation as a focus for educational efforts. The workshop begins by outlining the historical conditions that bring concerns about the dynamics of human dignity and its most divisive violation, humiliation, to the fore. It will suggest that learning based on equal dignity and realised through 'right relationships' is not only a promising approach to interrupting cycles of humiliation, it may be a path to building knowledge that will help humankind survive on this planet. Finally, it will describe the initial steps of a new global initiative to advance equal dignity through transformative higher education.

#### *Biography:*

Evelin Lindner is the Founding President of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS, [www.humiliationstudies.org](http://www.humiliationstudies.org)), a global transdisciplinary fellowship of concerned academics and practitioners who wish to promote dignity and transcend humiliation. She is also a Co-founder of the World Dignity University initiative ([www.worlddignity.org](http://www.worlddignity.org)), which includes Dignity Press and World Dignity University Press ([www.dignitypress.org](http://www.dignitypress.org)).

Evelin has a dual education as a Medical Doctor and a Psychologist, with two PhD's (Dr Med and Dr Psychol). She lives and teaches globally. She is a research fellow at the University of Oslo since 1997, affiliated with Columbia University in New York City since 2001 (with the Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, AC4), and with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris since 2003.

Her first book 'Making Enemies: Humiliation and International Conflict' was honoured as "Outstanding Academic Title" by the journal Choice for 2007 in the USA. Her other writings include 'Emotion and Conflict' (2009), 'Gender, Humiliation, and Global Security' (2010) and 'A Dignity Economy' (2012). She has also written numerous articles and book chapters, see [www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin02.php](http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin02.php). She has received several awards, among them the "Prisoner's Testament" Peace Award in 2009.

