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CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACEBUILDING

Call for Papers

Peace, as often said, is not merely the absence of war; rather, it is a state of wellbeing with oneself and others. Though peaceful living may sound rather easy, this has significant demands for our relationship with ourselves, others and nature. Peace is often disrupted by conflicts. In general, it can be said that a conflict is caused by struggles between two ideas fighting to occupy the same space at the same time. Not infrequently conflicts happen at personal, communitarian, national and international levels, sometimes leading to death and suffering of hundreds and thousands of people. Peacebuilding is an attempt to create a better place for humanity to live in through meditation, negotiation and reconciliation process between disagreeing parties. There are different agencies—religious and others—and individuals working on peacebuilding, sometimes even risking their own lives.

It may be paradoxical that religions have sometimes become the cause of conflicts and disruption of peace. However, in general, religions uphold the basic message of peace and harmony. **September 2021 issue of Asian Horizons is dedicated to the reflection on Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding.** Although peacebuilding is a task that involves multiple agents, we focus on the Catholic theological tradition on conflict resolution and peacebuilding, and various initiatives inspired by faith experience.

Suggested Topics [only suggestions, not exhaustive]:

- Biblical Vision of Peace and its Relevance Today
- Theology of Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding
- Conflict Resolution and Peace Building: Catholic Social Teaching Tradition
- Theology of Reconciliation
- Theology of Healing
- Revisiting Just War Theory/Theology
- Dialogue, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding
- Peacemakers vis-a-vis Peacebuilders
- The Arms Race, Nuclear Weapons, and Peacebuilding
- The Relationship between Peace and Justice
- Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding: Initiatives, Models, Experiences and Examples [of particular contexts in a Region/Country/between Countries]
- Conflict Resolution and Culture

- Conflict Resolution, Peacebuilding and Religion/Spirituality
- Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding: Role of the Church
- Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding: Resources of Various Religious Traditions

Please send your articles (4500-5000 words, including the footnotes) at the latest by **1 August 2021**. Kindly include the abstract of the article in 150-200 words, 5-7 Keywords and a summary of the CV of the author in 100-150 words.

Other regular items: "New Scholars": Abstract of doctoral theses (recently defended and not yet published); Reports and Statements of important conferences, Book Reviews.

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