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Editorial
Manuela Martinez
European Bulletin Editor



Welcome to the December 2015 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*. In a few months, we'll meet in Sydney for the XXIIst ISRA World Meeting. The meeting will be hosted at the University of New South Wales (meeting proper) and Macquarie University (pre-conference workshops) and is being organized by Wayne Warburton (wayne.warburton@mq.edu.au), Tom Denson (t.denson@unsw.edu.au) and an enthusiastic local committee. You will find detailed information about the Meeting in this Bulletin.

In this Bulletin, we continue kicking off the new section entitled, "Soon-to-Be and Recent Ph.D.'s in Aggression Research." We encourage soon-to-be and new Ph.D.s and post-docs to write a short description of their doctoral research so they can inform our members about the interesting research conducted by our young scholars. I ask faculty members to tell their soon-to-be and recent Ph.D.s to send Eric and me their contributions so we can get out their research summaries in a timely manner. This can be a great forum for networking, new collaborations, job opportunities, etc.!

I also encourage our members to share their recent publications as well as the organization of Conferences. I include in this *Bulletin* information about the CICA conferences, and the Association of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs.

As always, we end the *Bulletin* with the ISRA Flyer that is designed to describe our society, increase our exposure, and attract new members; **be sure to share this flyer with your colleagues and students.**

In closing, please remember that our goal for the *Bulletin* is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work. So, please email Eric with any materials you would like us to include in the next issue of the *Bulletin* in June 2016.

I was in Sydney some years ago (the picture was taken in a fantastic beach near Wollongong) and it was a great experience that I recommend to all of you!

See you in Sydney next July!

Manuela

A Message from Our President Kaj Björkqvist



Dear ISRA Colleagues,

Greetings from a wintry Finland! Looking out of the window of my office, I see only snow and ice, a little bit of open water, the ice-cold Baltic sea Difficult to imagine that in Sydney, Australia, it is now full summer and probably quite hot. Also difficult to imagine that in only half-a-year's time, ISRA will be having its 22nd World Meeting, and for the first time, it will take place in the Pacific area. I am truly excited about it. All previous meetings have been held either in North America or Europe. In that sense, it is a milestone in the history of ISRA. The World Meeting will be held from July 19 to 23 in 2016 at the University of New South Wales, so don't forget to mark these dates into your calendar. Please note also that there will be a pre-conference workshop held at Macquarie University in Sydney, on July 19, with the keynote speakers of the conference participating. As usual, there will also be a Young Investigator (YI) Program intended for PhD candidates and postdoctoral fellows within three years of their degree. The YI Programs have been quite successful at previous meetings, and please note that participants in the YI Program do not have to pay any registration fee to the main meeting at all. Please try to encourage all your doctoral students to attend! It is also a very good way to increase the ISRA membership, since a considerable amount of those who attend the YI Programs become active ISRA members.

Also for other participants, the registration fee for the Sydney meeting is quite decent. For those of you who plan to arrange a symposium at the World Meeting, please note that the early deadline for symposia is already on February 28, 2016; that is, not too far ahead from now. All information about the Sydney meeting can be accessed via the ISRA website, which has a link to the conference homepage.

Speaking about the ISRA homepage: as mentioned in the last Bulletin, a new, modernized website is at the moment in the planning stages, but, hopefully, it will be active in due time before the Sydney meeting begins. Among other things, it should simplify the process of becoming a member, and the paying of dues.

Although the Sydney meeting is still ahead, we also have to look forward to the following world meeting in 2018. Wherever it will take place, the organizers need time for making arrangements, so a decision has to be made about its location. A location in Europe is in turn, since the 2014 meeting was in Atlanta, and the 2016 meeting will be in Sydney. Farzaneh Pahlavan and her colleagues have sent a proposal for arranging the 2018 meeting in Paris. That does not mean that a decision already has been made: it is still open for others to compete if they wish to do so. However, please note that the deadline for submitting proposals is already on January 11, 2016.

I take this opportunity to convey seasonal greetings, and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Kaj

A Message from Our President-Elect Mike Potegal



My most recent work on aggression has to do with its occurrence in children with neurodegenerative diseases of childhood. Our discovery that the behavioral problems of children with Sanfilippo syndrome are a variant of the classic Kluver-Bucy syndrome associated with degeneration of the amygdala was published in 2013. Extreme levels of anger and aggression have been clinically observed in children with Gaucher Type 3 disease, which includes brainstem degeneration; our documentation of this phenomenon is being submitted for publication at the moment.

John Knutson, Dom Parrott, Kaj Bvorkqvist among others are working on an upgrade and modernization of the ISRA website to make it more user-friendly and social media savvy. Ideas we are considering include listings of recent hot papers on various topics; resources about hot issues; links to relevant Youtube videos, TED talks, available graphics; material for the public (e.g., definitions of aggression). Most importantly, I am hoping that it can be made to function as a message board for ISRA members supporting rapid, shared discussion about current topics of interest. Many options are yet to be explored. You can email me with any suggestions you have about desirable features to be considered at poteg001@umn.edu

I am very excited about our meeting in Sydney. For the meeting I am organizing a symposium on the escalation and de-escalation of aggression in humans & other animals (obvious differences and deep similarities between the aggression of humans & other animals continue to fascinate me). Stay tuned

Also for the meeting, notices about the Young Investigator Program have been sent to a list I compiled of nearly 600 editors of 26 journals that have something to do with aggression & over 800 authors of articles on aggression published in the last 2 years. A copy of the email notice is below. I am looking forward to working with some of these up-and-comers at our pre-meeting YI workshop and in discussions with senior researchers throughout the rest of the meeting.

I hope to see you in Sydney in July.

Mike

A Message from our Executive Secretary Dominic Parrott



Dear ISRA Colleagues:

As we prepare for the 22nd World Meeting in Sydney, Australia this coming July, it's important that we also keep in mind future World Meetings. I would like to take some space here to provide you with some important information regarding upcoming ISRA World Meetings.

The June 2015 ISRA Bulletin included a call for proposals to host the 2018 and 2020 World Meetings.

Here, it is important to be mindful of the ISRA tradition of alternating biennial World Meetings between North America and Europe. Given that the 2014 World Meeting was in Atlanta, ISRA officers were unanimous in deciding that the 2018 meeting should be in Europe, if possible.

At present, the ISRA Council has not formally approved a location for the 2018 or 2020 World Meetings. However, ISRA Officers are currently engaged in preliminary consultation with potential organizers of the 2018 World Meeting (in Paris). This procedure of consulting with organizers, which has worked successfully in recent years, aims to help organizers develop the best proposal possible that will meet our members' expectations and the Society's standards. And, I have corresponded with several ISRA members who have expressed an interest in hosting the 2020 World Meeting. Although this process is well underway, it is important that I emphasize a few critical points to ISRA members:

1. Any member who has an interest in organizing the 2018 World Meeting may still begin the process, in consultation with the ISRA Officers, of developing a formal proposal. If you have such an interest, please contact me.
2. Any formal proposal to host the 2018 World Meeting must be submitted to me **by January 11, 2016** at the latest.
3. Any member who has an interest, however preliminary, in organizing the 2020 World Meeting (likely in North America) should contact me as well. Again, I am happy to have heard from several members regarding the 2020 World Meeting – it is never too early to start this process.

Although we hope to maintain the alternating Europe-North America tradition by holding our 2018 World Meeting in Europe, it is important to remember that the location of all World Meetings is determined by a vote of the ISRA Council. After the January 11th, 2016 deadline, all formal proposals for the 2018 World Meeting will be submitted to the ISRA Council for a vote.

Best Regards,
Dominic

2016 ISRA WORLD MEETING IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A once in a lifetime opportunity!

The 2016 International Society for Research on Aggression World Meeting will be in Sydney, Australia from **July 19-23, 2016**. The meeting will be hosted at the University of New South Wales (meeting proper) and Macquarie University (pre-conference workshops) and is being organized by Wayne Warburton (wayne.warburton@mq.edu.au) Tom Denson (t.denson@unsw.edu.au) and an enthusiastic local committee.

Click on <https://youtu.be/dPou3FrKUgM>
to see a short (and hopefully amusing) video
about ISRA 2016.

Registrations are now open (<http://www.trybooking.com/145228>) and the conference website is now live at: www.iec.mq.edu.au/research/cfrc/isra_2016/. Abstract submissions can be emailed to Tom or Wayne (see website for submission details). You can also visit us at Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/ISRA2016>.

Here are some important deadlines

Submissions (Please note that submissions received by the early deadlines are more likely to be approved than later submissions)

Symposia:

Early deadline: February 28, 2016

Late deadline: April 30, 2016

Posters:

Early deadline: March 31, 2016

Late deadline: May 31, 2016

Registrations

Early bird registration ends Friday, June 17, 2016

Conference costs, exchange rate and airfares

Remember, the current exchange rate with the US Dollar and Euro are currently very favourable. The current exchange rate is AUD\$1.00 = USD\$0.72 or €0.66.

Airfares to Australia are much cheaper if they are booked 6 months or more before departure. Even if you don't register yet, make sure you book during early January (or earlier) to get the best price!

Conference registration costs (prices are in Australian dollars)

Early bird rates (before June 17, 2016)

ISRA Members	\$350
ISRA Students	\$195
Non-members	\$425
Non-member - student rate	\$270
Day Registration	\$140

* You can apply for ISRA membership here <http://www.israsociety.com/application.html>
Student membership is only \$30 USD.

If registering after June 17, the following rates apply:

- ISRA Members \$425
- ISRA student members \$195
- Non-ISRA students \$270
- Non-members \$495.

Optional costs

Outing: Afternoon/evening of Thursday July 21 (choose only one)

- 3 hour Captain Cook Cruise on stunning Sydney Harbour (\$85 per person)
- Visit to the Green Central Aboriginal Community, nearby Sacred Sites (7-20,000 years old) and Bush Tucker meal (\$99 per person)

Gala banquet Friday July 22: \$98 per person

The social program

There are opportunities for attendees to engage in a wide variety of social events in and near Sydney. All are optional, and some have a cost that needs to be paid at registration.

The Opening Celebration

At the Coogee Bay Hotel Seaview room opposite beautiful Coogee Beach
Tuesday July 19 at 4.30pm (free to registered delegates)

All delegates are invited to attend the opening celebration at the Coogee Bay Hotel. Catch up with your old and new ISRA friends at this informal welcome, opposite beautiful Coogee Beach. Canapes will be served and there will be an open bar to purchase drinks. People will also be able to register for the conference here.

Restaurant night – make new friends with those who share your preferred cuisine.
Wednesday July 20 at various Sydney restaurants

Pioneered successfully by Mike Potegal and his team at ISRA in Minneapolis, this night will allow delegates to choose a preferred cuisine at the time they register for the Meeting. The choices are modern Australian, seafood, Japanese, Thai, Italian and Spanish/Tapas. Delegates will then be sent details of the restaurant they are booked at, and will meet the other delegates who also chose that cuisine when they arrive. This will afford the chance to connect with new people, forge new friendships, and experience incredible cuisine. It's going to be a night to remember!

Thursday afternoon outings (July 21). There are two to choose from:

3 hour Captain Cook Cruise (\$85 per person)

Enjoy complimentary canapes and Australian wines as you soak up the world's most stunning Harbour from the water. Watch the sun go down over Sydney Harbour and see the Harbour Bridge, Opera house and city lights from the comfort of a sleek, modern vessel. This will be a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon/evening for all aboard.

Visit the Green Central Aboriginal Community and local Sacred Sites, and enjoy a bush tucker meal (\$99 per person).

In a rare opportunity, the elders of the Green Central Aboriginal Community and Bara Barang have offered to host a group of ISRA delegates for the afternoon and evening of July 21. Delegates will be transported to the Green Central Community on the NSW Central Coast, north of Sydney. They will be greeted with a Welcome to Country, offered the chance to participate in a smoking ceremony (see video clip at <https://youtu.be/dPou3FrKUgM>), and then given a guided tour of restricted aboriginal artefacts nearby. These have been dated at 7,000-20,000 years old. A Darkinjung elder will tell the traditional stories related to the carvings. Delegates will then return to Green Central to enjoy a meal of delicious bush tucker, including crocodile, kangaroo and chicken dishes, before being transported back to Sydney.

The Gala Banquet

At the Cyren restaurant overlooking beautiful Darling Harbour
Friday July 22 (\$98 per person)

A bus will leave the conference at 6.30 to take delegates to the Cyren Restaurant (Bar, Grill, Seafood) which overlooks beautiful Darling Harbour and has fabulous views of the Sydney CBD at night (<http://www.nicks-seafood.com.au/venue/cyren/>). There will be a 3 course meal served and an open bar to purchase drinks. The bus will return delegates at the end of the night.

Farewell Barbeque Saturday July 23 (free)

At the close of the Meeting, delegates are invited to attend an informal farewell barbeque at the UNSW venue.

Expressions of interest for visiting the Walkabout Wildlife Park.

Delegates are also asked if they would like us to organise an event at the Walkabout Wildlife Park (which features in the ISRA 2016 video at <https://youtu.be/dPou3FrKUgM>). This would involve a tour

of the park, which has many wonderful Australian animals including kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, emus, wombats, echidnas, dingoes and many more. This is a very open park, so many of the animals are simply wandering around among its guests. The Park Manager has offered to also give a talk about her specialty area (aggression in Australian fauna). This would need to happen prior to or after the Meeting and interested delegates should indicate which is preferable when they register for the Meeting. The ISRA organising committee will make arrangements based on people's expressions of interest.

Certificates of Attendance and Professional Development

If you would like, we will provide certificates of attendance. If you are Australian, attendance counts toward Australian Psychological Society professional development. Please email t.denson@unsw.edu.au if you would like a certificate.

Special Day Dedicated to Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

We will devote one day to symposia dedicated to domestic violence and child abuse. So if you have relevant data, please submit for these special symposia.

Childcare

There will be paid casual day care and babysitting available.

Why you should visit Australia – you know you have always wanted to!!!

Australia is one of the most unique, diverse and beautiful continents on Earth. From the central deserts and the Outback to snowy mountains, rainforests, beaches and harbours, Australia has a little (and sometimes a lot!) of everything. Sydney and its environs are also beautiful. Sydney is consistently ranked in the world's top 10 most livable cities and boasts the Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Taronga Zoo, a stunning harbour, ferries to locations such as Manly, a vibrant night skyline and beautiful beaches such as Coogee, where many delegates will be staying. Sydney is also central to many attractions in NSW – the Hunter Valley wineries; the Blue Mountains, Jenolan Caves, the Southern Highlands and many beautiful country towns. It is also the perfect launch point to see the rest of Australia, with regular flights running the length and breadth of the continent.

We would, of course, like to see **every** ISRA member come to Sydney for the World Meeting in 2016. However, we would like to offer a **special invitation** to the many excellent aggression researchers from our neighbouring countries in Asia, the Pacific and New Zealand. Here is the chance to meet your ISRA peers somewhere closer than Europe or the US!! Here is a little about Australia:



Beautiful Coogee Beach, where much of the accommodation is located. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is opposite the beach, as is the Coogee Bay Hotel where the Opening Celebration will be held.



There will be an optional 3-hour cruise of beautiful Sydney Harbour with views of the Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and other sights. Drinks and canapés will be served



Venue for the Gala Dinner: beautiful Darling Harbour - home to the Sydney Aquarium, Wildlife World (where you can see koalas, wallabies, and kangaroos!), and many bars and restaurants



Delegates who visit the Green Central Community will be greeted with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. They will also visit ancient sacred sites and eat bush tucker at the Coolamon café.

To the West of Sydney are the beautiful Blue Mountains, to the north is the Hunter Valley, known for its vineyards and fine foods, and to the south are stunning beaches and quaint coastal towns. These destinations are all within an easy day's drive from Sydney.



The Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, Hunter Valley, north of Sydney and Pebbly Beach, south of Sydney.

Sydney is also the ideal starting point to visit other wonderful places in Australia:

Uluru at Australia's centre, beautiful Darwin and the stunning Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks are major attractions in the Northern Territory. The Great Barrier Reef and the world class white sandy beaches of tropical Queensland are also prized travel destinations. South Australia's Barossa Valley and Western Australia's Margaret River region are amongst the finest food and wine districts in the world, whilst Tasmania has pristine wilderness, stunning coastlines, and a number of historic convict-era sights. Victoria offers the gorgeous Great Ocean Road and wonderful shopping in historic Melbourne. Whatever your taste, you will find it in Australia!

Mossman Gorge, Daintree Rainforest, in Tropical North Queensland (left); and Uluru, Australia's Red Centre, in the Northern Territory (right)

We know that some ISRA members may be concerned about the cost of travelling to Australia. However, the Australian dollar is currently quite weak against the Euro and US dollar (check current exchange rates at <http://www.xe.com/>), and is expected to decline further. Thus, exchange rates are currently very favourable for most overseas travellers.

We believe that this will be a **once in a lifetime opportunity** for many ISRA members and **encourage everyone to come to Sydney in 2016 for the 22nd ISRA World Meeting!**

Soon-to-Be and Recent Ph.D.'s in Aggression Research



Ashley Schappell D'Inverno

Doctoral Program: Rutgers University under Paul Boxer's direction

Received her PhD this year (2015)

My dissertation project was a quantitative, longitudinal study that examined experiences with violence inside jail, as well as in the community, and their relation to the development of psychological and behavioral disorders. I surveyed 400 male and female inmates at a local New

Jersey jail three times during the course of their jail stay and once after release. Participants self-reported psychosocial problems including symptoms of anxiety, post-traumatic stress, depression, aggression, and substance use. They also reported on aversive and violent experiences prior, during, and after incarceration. I collaborated with the NJ State Parole Board and obtained recidivism data for all released subjects. The results of my project show that exposure to violence, particularly jail violence, make it difficult for offenders to adapt. When offenders are exposed to violence, mental and behavioral health problems do not subside as quickly in jail as they do for offenders not exposed to violence.



Paulina Tomaszewska

Department of Psychology, University of Potsdam

Supervisor: Barbara Krahe

Two studies using samples of Polish high school and university students were conducted. The first study examined the link between risky sexual scripts and the normative approval of sexual coercion in a sample of 524 high school students. The second study assessed the prevalence of sexual aggression victimization and perpetration among 565 university students. In a subsample of 318 university students, risky sexual scripts, the approval of sexual coercion, sexual self-esteem, and pattern of risky sexual behavior were tested as predictors of victimization and

perpetration. Pornography use and religiosity were examined in relation to their impact on the mentioned predictors as well as their links with victimization and perpetration. The first study revealed that more risky sexual scripts were positively associated with the approval of sexual coercion. In the second study, both women and men reported having experienced and committed unwanted sexual acts since the age of 15. Risky sexual scripts were linked to risky sexual behavior and indirectly increased the odds of victimization and perpetration. Pornography use was indirectly linked to victimization and perpetration. Religiosity was indirectly linked to victimization. The findings are discussed regarding the international literature on sexual aggression and their impact on sexual education and sexual aggression prevention programs.

XL CICA (International Coloquia om Conflict and Aggression) in Spain and Colombia

J. Martin Ramírez, an old active member of ISRA since the 70s of the last century and officer of our Council in reiterative occasions, has founded -and organized since then- a series of 40 CICA's (see: <http://www.cicainternational.org/CICAinternational/index.html.html>). For instance, the IV European ISRA Conference and the Seville Statement on Violence were products of them. Here it the information related to the last ones, held this year 2015. The XL CICA has been held in Madrid and Bogotá, during the months of October and November 2015, respectively



Presidency of the Opening Session: of the Madrid CICA:
Rector of Nebrija University, General Director of ESFAS,
and Chair of CICA

The main topic of the Madrid CICA was the protection of critical infrastructures, within the context of SECURITY. Another sessions were focused on civil-military cooperation in security, cybersecurity, and non-state actors, such as terrorism and piracy. It was attended by about 80 experts from 14 countries of five continents: Europe (Denmark, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland), Asia (Thailand), Africa (Nigeria and South Africa), North América (Canada), and South America (Colombia, Perú, República Dominicana y Uruguay).



The second part, which took place, one month later, in Bogotá under the general topic WAR, VIOLENCE AND POST-CONFLICT, gathered more than 1.200 participants, with 81 communications of experts coming from 9 countries: Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Spain, South Africa, and USA. Among the Colombian keynote speakers, there were very important institutional representatives, such as the General Attorney of the Republic,

counselors attending the Peace Dialogue in la Havana between government and guerrilla, senators, former major of Bogotá, and victims of the paramilitaries and of FARC.

PUBLICATIONS OF ISRA MEMBERS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ISRA MEMBERS

Journal: Partner Abuse Special issue on Domestic violence treatment worldwide

The peer reviewed journal, Partner Abuse (www.springerpub.com/pa) will publish a special issue in October, 2016, including articles on domestic violence treatment worldwide, as well as proposed evidence-based standards of treatment.

Conference of the Association of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA July 2016

The Association of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs, also known as ADVIP, will be hosting its first general conference on July 10, 2016 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, U.S.A. ADVIP is an international organization of domestic violence treatment providers who are dedicated to evidence-based practice. More information about ADVIP can be found at www.battererintervention.org

International Conference XLI CICA on Cyber-Security: Mapping the Cyberspace Madrid (Spain) June 2016

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform that the coming 41st CICA (International Conferences on Conflict and Aggression) will take place in Madrid, Spain, **from 1 to 3 June 2016**.

The main topic of this 41st CICA, organized by the Nebrija-Santander Chair for Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (Center for Conflict Studies, Nebrija University), will be a new opportunity to exchange our ideas on the main issues in the broad field of Conflict and Aggression, with a specific focus on the current knowledge and research of the: **Cyber-Security -> Mapping the Cyberspace**, emphasizing not only on its eventual 'negative' challenge as a threat to security, but also its positive

influence as an efficient tool for defence as well as a welcoming new factor for economic and industrial production. Possible topics include (but are not limited to): the analyses of the Cyberspace from quite different and interdisciplinary perspectives, such as: conceptual and legal, military and socio-civil, national and international, cyberintelligence applied to public and private institutions, as well as the nuclear governance. For this purpose, we count with the active participation of reputed specialists, from different continents

The CICA has already organized 40 previous conferences aimed to study the phenomena of aggression and conflict through an integrated, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary approach that considers both biological and psycho-socio-cultural factors. Consequently, these meetings are open to all scientists working on the relationship between **brain** and **aggression**, as well as other close topics, such as **violence, terrorism, peace, and conflict** at their different levels, from the internal to the international ones. And all those scholars interested in how to deal with any of the above mentioned subjects are most welcome to submit papers for discusión.

Besides the active contributors to this Conference, it will also be a nice opportunity to networking, meeting old friends, knowing new colleagues and young students from around the world, in an informal atmosphere, to discuss their current research, future directions and international development of our fields, as well as to cross fertilize different areas of interest. This explains why others may be interested in participating as a **passive attendance**.

Submission of papers abstracts will be open until April 15th, 2016, and early **registration deadline**: April 30th, 2016. An edited volume based on the most outstanding contributions of the conference will be published by a prestigious international Publisher.

Participation fees: 150 € for standard participants, with a special price of 50 € for students and accompanying people. Those prospective participants who may need a parcial or total scholarship may ask for it, arguing their reasons. Members of CICA and Nebrija University have a discount of 50%.

For more information, you may also contact us directly writting to the following both e-mail addresses:

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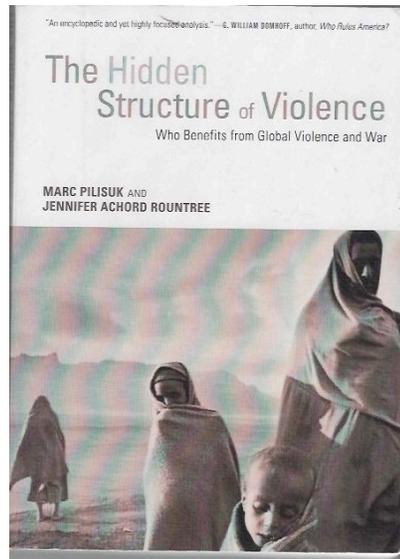
In any case, we would be grateful for spreading the attached invitation and draft programme throughout your respective networks. Since this is meant as a multidisciplinary event, the widest diversity in backgrounds (business, science, government, international organizations, civil society, media, etc.) will be welcome.

(inscription data)

Kind regards

The Organizing Committee

BOOKS REVIEWS



THE HIDDEN STRUCTURE OF VIOLENCE: WHO BENEFITS FROM GLOBAL VIOLENCE AND WAR

BY Marc Pilisuk and Jennifer Achord Rountree

Published by Monthly Review Press, 2015

ISBN 978-1-5836754-2-7 (Paper)

Text 300 pgs, End Notes 44 pgs, Index 15 pgs

This book should be of interest to anyone constructing an understanding of the causes of violence, particularly as fed by the power motive and influenced by hidden psychological processes. It is a “must read” and a valuable reference for one’s personal library.

The Hidden Structure of Violence (Pilisuk & Rountree, 2015) is an expansion in scope of their first book, *Who Benefits from Global Violence and War: Uncovering a Destructive System* (Pilisuk with Rountree, 2008) published by Praeger Security in 2008. The earlier book traced the hidden structures and their powerful influences in eight (8) chapters and 225 pages. Especially important was their discussion of structural violence (Galtung, 1969). Its importance derives from the powerful influences resulting from mismatches in power and the hidden nature of the influences themselves.

Both books begin with a review of The Costs of Modern War. The discussion in Chapter 2 extends characterization of violence to “Killing: War and the Minds of Men. The reason wars are fought follows from the institutions that humans have created, i.e., our culture.

Chapter 3 begins the discussion of *structural violence*. Structural Violence is a theory developed by Johan Galtung (1969), the founder of peace studies. Structural violence is defined by its relationship to cultural violence. Galtung conceptualizes a *violence triangle* in which the three nodes are constantly

interacting. *The nodes are direct violence, structural violence, and cultural violence. Cultural violence* refers to the normative beliefs and practices of a society by allowing dehumanization of certain persons or groups. Cultural violence leads to *structural violence* when the violence is codified into legal and economic exchanges of the society. Individual acts of violence have many causes and likely are the result of hidden structures of cultural and structural violence.

The authors take care to reveal these hidden structures in a way that is clear to the reader. For example, they ask us to recall the well-known observation by Hanna Arendt that “the most shocking fact about the genocidal brutality of the Nazis was the ordinariness of the perpetrators. They were remarkably like the rest of us.”¹

Chapter 4 “People, Farmland, Water and Narcotics,” Chapter 5 “Networks of Power,” Chapter 6 “RealPolitik: Strategies and Tactics for winning, Chapter 7 “Disinformation,” and Chapter 8 “Values and Habits that Maintain a Violent system” were similar to the same chapters in their 2008 book with some examples refreshed with new information and with the addition of new subsections. Chapter 9 “The Evolution of Concentrated Corporate Power to Inflict Violence and Injustice: Dangers and Hopes” was added to the 2015 book.

I used the 2008 book in my psychology of aggression class and my peace psychology class. I feel that book was one of the best resources I had and an education for our students. I am now making plans to use the 2015 book in adult learning classes.

Short biosketches of the authors:

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¹ Pilisuk & Rountree, p. 83.

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Finding solutions to the pervasive consequences of aggression, requires a multidisciplinary approach. To understand the complex causes, our research addresses brain and other physical processes that underlie the human capacity for violence and the psychological processes that facilitate violent actions. Strategies providing alternatives to violence are studied together with the social factors that serve to promote or prevent violent behavior. Importantly, students of aggression studies are increasingly moving beyond the simple awareness of new results in other disciplines, to develop important research approaches that span multiple disciplines. As a result, novel areas of synergy and convergence between different disciplines and methodologies emerge. *ISRA meetings* and media provide the forum and the multidisciplinary audience.

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¹⁾ M Furtman, *Magic on the rocks* (2000) ISBN: 0-916691-02-0

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