Peace Literacy 5: Dehumanization and Rehumanization

Three forms of dehumanization in war

- **Psychological Distance**
  - People are portrayed as subhumans or vermin

- **Moral Distance**
  - People are portrayed as evil monsters

- **Mechanical Distance**
  - Physical separation hides people’s faces and pain

Three forms of dehumanization in exploitation

- **Industrial Distance**
  - People are portrayed as machines

- **Numerical Distance**
  - People are portrayed as numbers

- **Bureaucratic Distance**
  - Physical separation hides people’s faces and pain

In some cases, the dehumanization typically used for war can be used for exploitation, and vice versa.

Three Skills for Rehumanization

- Art and Storytelling
- Interaction
- Waging Peace