

## Current Lecture Topics, 2020

See also Invited lectures/colloquia listed in Vita, pp-29-49, recent talks at the end.

The psychology and behavior of bystanders. Passivity, action, moral courage and heroism.

Raising caring, helpful, non-aggressive children.

The prevention of harmful behavior, bullying.

Creating caring schools to raise caring, helpful children

Wounded children, healing and altruism born of suffering

Altruism born of suffering: how people who have been victimized by personal violence (e.g. in their families) or by political/group violence have become and can become caring and helpful.

Witnesses/bystanders: the tragic fruits of passivity, the power of bystanders, and generating active bystandership in children, adults and groups.

Training police to be active bystanders to prevent or stop fellow officers from unnecessary harmful actions.

Basic human needs and their role in aggression and altruism.

Creating inclusive communities.

Understanding the roots of genocide and mass killing (psychological, cultural, societal). Preventing genocide and mass killing.

Societal conditions and culture that are starting points for mass violence.

The psychology of perpetrators and passive bystanders.

The role of positive (active) bystanders in preventing violence between groups.

Destructive and constructive ideologies

Heroic helping: rescuers in the Holocaust and in other settings

Examples for all these topics from the Holocaust, the Armenian genocide, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Argentina and elsewhere.

Reconciliation after genocide, mass killing and intractable conflict.

Psychological woundedness, healing/ psychological recovery

Understanding the roots of violence.

The importance of truth and acknowledgment.

Creating a shared history  
Significant contact  
The role of justice  
Forgiveness, its constructive and potentially destructive forms

Interventions to promote reconciliation and psychological recovery in Rwanda and elsewhere:

- Workshops/trainings with people in the community, national and community leaders, the media and others.
- Creation of educational radio programs in Rwanda, Burundi and the Congo.
- Research evaluating the impact of interventions.

Leaders and the led: How the nature of the leader affects organizations and societies.