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# *Johan Galtung PeaceBuilding and Conflict*

“Peace is something you make with your adversaries, not with your friends.”

“The killed are dead, the bereaved are traumatized. The trauma may be converted to hatred that may be converted into revenge addiction.”

— Johan Galtung, [Johan Galtung: Pioneer of Peace Research](#)

# *Bio*

The Father of Peace Studies



Childhood



His/her education  
Mathematics (1956)  
and Sociology  
(1957)



People who  
influenced him / her  
Father

# *Work*

*1959*

International Peace  
Research Institute in  
Oslo (PRIO)

*1964*

Journal of Peace  
Research

*1953-  
2012*

165 Books: 86 sole  
author, 34 languages,  
1,785 publications up  
to 2012

# *Contributions*



Violence



Structural Theory of  
Imperialism



Positive peace and  
negative peace



Transcend Method



Conflict resolution/  
Mediation



Palestine Case



# *Conflict*

What is conflict  
according to Johan

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## ABC of Conflict

**Attitude**

**Behavior:**

Violent- Non Violent  
Verbal or Physical

**Contradictions:**

Incompatible Goals

# *Transcend Method*

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- Individual Dialogue
- Legitimate Goals Vs Illegitimate Goals
- Self Determination Vs ruling Over
- Bridge the gap between all legitimate but seemingly contradictory goals through mutually acceptable, desirable solutions sustainable into the future, which embody creativity, empathy and nonviolence, building a new reality.

# *Violence*

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- Cultural Violence : Aspects of culture, religion, ideology, language, empirical science, formal science- That can be used to legitimize structural violence.
- Stars, crosses, crescents: flags, anthems, military parades, speeches, posters.
- It makes direct and cultural violence feels right.
- Structural Violence
- Direct Violence



Table I. A Typology of Violence

	Survival Needs	Well-being Needs	Identity Needs	Freedom Needs
Direct Violence	Killing	Maiming Siege, Sanctions Misery	Desocialization Resocialization Secondary Citizen	Repression Detention Expulsion
Structural Violence	Exploitation A	Exploitation B	Penetration Segmentation	Marginalization Fragmentation

# *Violence*



# *Violence*

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“ Despite the symmetries there is a basic difference in the time relation of the three concepts of violence:

Direct violence: an event

Structural Violence is a process

Cultural violence is an invariant : a permanence.”

(Galtung, 1977, ch.9)

# *Palestine*

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For a contemporary example consider the policies of Israel with regard to the Palestinians. The Chosen People even have a Promised Land, the *Eretz Yisrael*. They behave as one would expect, translating chosenness, a vicious type of cultural violence, into all eight types of direct and structural violence listed in Table I. There is killing; maiming, material deprivation by denying West Bank inhabitants what is needed for livelihood; there is desocialization within the theocratic state of Israel with second class citizenship to non-Jews; there is detention, individual expulsion and perennial threat of massive expulsion. There is exploitation, at least as exploitation B.

Table II. The Chosen and the Unchosen

God Chooses	And Leaves to Satan	With the Consequence of
Human Species	Animals, Plants, Nature	Speciesism, Ecocide
Men	Women	Sexism, Witch-burning
His People	The others	Nationalism, Imperialism
Whites	Colored	Racism, Colonialism
Upper Classes	Lower Classes	'Classism', Exploitation
True Believers	Heretics, Pagans	'Meritism', Inquisition

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The four structural concomitants of exploitation are all well developed: efforts to make the Palestinians see themselves as born underdogs, at most heading for second class citizenship by 'getting used to it'; giving them small segments of economic activity; keeping them outside Jewish society both within and outside the Green Line, and dealing with Palestinians in a *divide et impera* mode (as in the Camp David process), never as one people. There is neither massive extermination nor massive exploitation A of the sort found in many Third World countries under the debt burden, which above all hits children. The violence is more evenly distributed over the whole repertory of eight types. To some, who set their sights low, defined by Hitlerite

or Stalinist extermination and Reaganite exploitation A, this means that no mass violence is going on, thus proving how humane the Israelis are. Such perspectives are also examples of cultural violence, indicative of how moral standards have become in this century.<sup>15</sup>

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In 1964 he visited Israel and Gaza, holding many dialogues.

In February 1971, as a Visiting Professor in Cairo (as a colleague of Boutros Boutros-Ghali), he made a proposal about a **six-state solution**:

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# *Palestine*

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- A Middle East Community of Israel with its five Arab neighbours, modelled after the 1958 European Economic Community.
- It would have open borders, a council of ministers, commissions for water, border patrols, economy; capitals in the two Jerusalem's; right of return, with numbers to be discussed, as Arafat emphasized.
- Palestine would be fully recognized, with the borders of with some exchanges: Israeli cantons on the West Bank and Palestinian cantons in northwest Israel.
- In addition, a Conference on Security and Cooperation in West Asia, with all parties at the table and all issues on the table, without time limit, like the 1972–1975 Helsinki Conference, leading to an Organization for Security and Cooperation in West Asia, modelled after the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) since 1994.



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