

From the Editor's Desk

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Call for Papers

The editors of the *Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis* (JTTP) invite submissions to be a part of the journal's third issue (Volume 2, Number 1—scheduled to be released on **30 January 2020**). This third issue of the journal will focus on exploring the limits of our current neoliberal capitalist ethos and cultural mindset. Despite the dominant global orthodoxy of a shared worldview that proselytises the inherent benefits of unrestrained growth, conspicuous consumption, and the primary value of human freedom, cracks have begun to appear in the façade of the omnipresent neoliberal ideology and discourse.

The current neoliberal political, cultural and economic world system posit that unlimited freedom of choice, perpetual economic growth, and an 'enlightened elite' political control are the social evolutionary answers to collective human happiness. The unjust systems such a discourse and ideology support, fly in the face of these bold assertions. The fact is neoliberalism is neither new nor free, growth has limits, and elites do not always share populist interests. Despite discourse to the contrary, neoliberal capitalist development has enriched those with capital and widened the gap between the haves and the have-nots. The third issue of the JTTP aims not only to expose the problematic value propositions of the neoliberal capitalist agenda, but also to explain how overcoming this all-encompassing worldview is possible.

We call on scholar-practitioners of peace and conflict studies, social psychology, anthropology, international relations, systems thinking, public policy, and evidenced-based social science generally, to join us in exploring the limitation of the neoliberal capitalist world system and discourse, as well as, the possibilities of our liberation from them.

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Specific attention to the following broad themes and questions are of particular interest to the editorial team of this important third edition of the JTPP:

- How, in practice, those interested in nonviolent futures overcome the insidious mindset of neoliberal development?
- How are human institutions and structures being influenced and changed by neoliberal norms and practices?
- Masked as increasing freedom, how do neoliberal forces fail to address the foundational question of freedom for whom?
- What is the appropriate level of freedom that should be mixed with political management and control to help people reach what Johan Galtung called human 'psychosomatic potential' (Galtung, 1969)?
- How do social activists, peacebuilders, and educators overcome the controlling discourse of neoliberal freedom, growth, and choice?
- How does one escape the hegemonic influences of neoliberal ideology in our daily lives and social formations?

These are not necessarily new questions, but ones that we at JTPP believe represent a crucial grounding for actualising transdisciplinary peace. Neoliberal ideology, norms, discourse, and practices are changing our institutions in ways that we barely understand and rarely speak about. From schools to hospitals to the government, the subtle discourse of neoliberalism has shifted priorities and reshaped human priorities. This issue of JTPP aims to foster exciting, innovative, and novel solutions to the wicked problem (Rittel & Webber, 1973) of the incessant creep of neoliberalism as a discourse, set of practices, and cultural ideology.

JTPP, a journal of cutting edge research and practice on subjects related to human social flourishing and peace, published by Frontpage Publications Limited, UK, welcomes all original contributions. Our aim is to encourage scholarly discourse on complex topics.

Papers are encouraged to focus on all levels of analysis, particularly on the intersection of the theory and practice of peace. Restoring trust in institutions and fostering a sense of public good that seems to be slowly eroding in the current era of neoliberal, populist, and authoritarian world, we encourage critical submissions.

The realisation of nonviolent peaceful futures requires collaborative exploration of the complex social and cultural ideologies which control human lives. No one field or discipline is capable of understanding these complicated phenomena and inter-relationships alone. JTPP aims to create the transdisciplinary spaces to discuss and analyse the world's most complex systems.

You are encouraged to send us a 250-word abstract of your proposed contribution to this call by **30 July 2019**. We will convey our decision within ten days. Final manuscripts should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words and will be due by **30 October 2019**.

All correspondence should be sent to submission@jtpp.uk. Kindly see the [Submission Guidelines](#) in [AUTHOR'S CORNER](#) for further specifics and style guide.

In solidarity,



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