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Call for Papers: Special Issue on Healing and Justice

The editors of the *Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis* (JTPP) invite submissions for the journal's fifth issue (scheduled to be released on **21 February 2021**) focused on the complex interplay between healing and justice.

JTPP, an innovative journal of cutting edge research and practice on subjects related to human social flourishing and peace, published by Frontpage Publications Limited, UK, welcomes articles that address the relationship between achieving justice while also empowering both individual and collective healing. Traditional justice has emphasised truth, 'law and order', acknowledgement, and punishment over inequalities, relationships and/or healing in the quest for justice. While restorative justice has long been argued as the solution to this imbalance in traditional justice approaches, what are the benefits and drawbacks of restorative approaches to justice? What other models and paradigms of justice exist that privilege both justice and healing? How do societies achieve justice that not only punishes, but also heals both individuals and/or societies? Is the international restorative justice movement an adequate response to the many paradoxes of achieving both justice and healing after either conflict or other social harms?

Papers are encouraged to focus on all levels of analysis (from intra-personal to international), particularly emphasising the intersections of theory and practice in achieving justice for those traditionally marginalised due to limited access to various resources of power. Papers by collaborative teams are encouraged, but not essential.

The realisation of nonviolent peaceful futures requires collaborative and transdisciplinary exploration of contemporary complex social problems. We continue to welcome contributions from a diverse range of disciplines and expertise. No one field or discipline is capable of understanding the complicated interrelationship between justice and healing. JTPP aims to create both interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary spaces to discuss and analyse the world's most complex and protracted issues. In the midst of important discussion about race and other inequalities in the US and around the world in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd in the US State of Minnesota, we believe the time is ripe to be critical in our appraisal of justice as it relates to healing, resilience, and effective social change.

We call on scholar-practitioners of peace and conflict studies, social psychology, anthropology, law, international relations, public policy, social activism, and all evidence-based fields of social science to join us in exploring the relationship between



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justice and healing, and question models and frameworks for creating long-term peace with justice.

Specific attention to the following broad thematic questions is of particular interest to the editorial team in this fifth issue of the JTPP:

- What is the relationship between justice and healing?
- What is the importance of healing in not only achieving a sense of justice, but in building sustainable structures and systems to maintain social harmony and prevent conflict?
- How is social resilience established and maintained? What role does healing and justice play in building social resilience?
- What is reconciliation and what role does healing and trauma play in the interpersonal and community transformation required for reconciliation?
- How do we define and distinguish restorative, transitional, transformative, and healing justice as distinct ideologies or social movements? What overlaps exist in these broad approaches to justice?
- What case studies of justice and healing help us to understand the complex dynamics of identity, power, and conflict more clearly?
- What role does storytelling play in establishing the grounds for a healing justice?
- Is restorative justice an appropriate, or effective, framing for conflict transformation in cases of significant and historic social inequality? What other potential framings of justice work exist that may be more effective in creating change?
- How do calls for social harmony work against justice and stifle the generative change power of social conflict?
- How do the local contexts of restorative justice shift the meaning and effectiveness of this justice approach?

While these important questions have been asked across the disciplines of peace and conflict studies, law, and politics, they have received little attention in mainstream policy circles. Here, we hope to ask these questions with renewed vigour in the current era of polarised politics and renewed calls for racial justice. We want to encourage submissions that address our current global context, but also ones that challenge our understanding of justice as a virtue and local lived reality.

You are encouraged to send us a 250-word abstract of your proposed contribution by **31 August 2020**. We will convey our decision within seven days. Final manuscripts should be between 6,000 and up to 8,000 words and will be due by **30 November 2020**.

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

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