



National Conference:

# **VICISSITUDES OF VIOLENCE: An Inter-disciplinary Conference on Conflict & Peace**

16th -17th January 2012

Venue: Indraprastha College for Women  
31, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi

Organised by-  
Department of Psychology, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi

## ABOUT US:

Indraprastha College for Women is a premier institution of the University of Delhi that was founded in 1924 as part of a nation-wide campaign for women's education and empowerment.

The college has played the role of a pioneer by being not only the first women's college in Delhi University but also the first women's college to introduce undergraduate program in Psychology in 1960.

At present, the Department initiates over 200 students every year in graduate as well as post-graduate courses in Psychology. Over the past 50 years now, the Department of Psychology continues to play an instrumental role in fostering the most innovative minds in the discipline.

## CONFERENCE Overview

In the past few decades, there has been an unprecedented upheaval of peace and harmony all over the world. Be it state violence, conflicts between various nations, classes, and ethnicities, barbaric acts of terrorism, or mass movements of unrest, violence is treading on lives of myriad people cutting across religions, castes and nationalities. Amidst such conflict-torn societies, it has become almost imperative to understand the dynamics of violence and to devise effective peace-building initiatives. Though the themes of conflict, violence and terror have well been the focus of psychological enquiry, a more multi-disciplinary approach is required to understand violence and its complex ramifications.

Despite great interest in understanding the major causes of violence and in developing effective prevention and intervention programs, knowledge generated by experts on different fields is fragmented and generally circumscribed within the circles where it is generated. The conference is visualized with the firm belief that an integration of inputs from diverse disciplines as well as the wider community is critical to reducing violence and to plan strategies toward restoring peace. It is based on the fundamental assumption that an understanding of the psychological roots of violence and conflict is imperative for promoting psychosocial well-being and for facilitating a peaceful co-existence of individuals and communities

The Conference is envisaged with an aim to initiate an inter-disciplinary dialogue towards developing an understanding of the 'Vicissitudes of Violence' situated in the context of Peace and Conflict Resolution

# Themes of the Conference:

To realize the objectives of the conference, papers from researchers, students, practitioners and professionals are invited on one or more of the following themes:

## 1. Genesis of Violence and Conflict

## 2. Facets of Direct Violence: Harming Individuals and Groups

- Interpersonal, Domestic and Gendered Violence
- Communal, Regional and Ethnic Violence
- Violence and Conflict in the International Sphere

## 3. Analyzing Structural Violence: Social Inequalities and Oppressive Hierarchies

- Politics, Power, Corruption and Oppression
- Marginalization, Discrimination and Violence
- Corporate Strategizing, Capitalism and Violence

## 4. Struggles of Self and Identity amidst Conflict and Violence

- Experiencing Exile: Being in Refuge and Resettlement
- Psychosocial Upheaval: Uprootedness, Cultural Transition and Alienation
- Experiencing Exclusion: Marginalization and Identity

## 5. Cultural Productions and Violence

- Violence on Screen
- News Media and its Impact on Communal Behaviour
- Literature and Violence

## 6. Education for Peace-building

- Conflict Resolution: Styles and Strategies
- Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience
- Strategies of Social Integration and Peace Building

## Guidelines for submission of Abstracts:

The Abstract submitted for acceptance should contain the title of the research paper, the author(s) full name, email-id, name of the institution/organization/university; contact details i.e. mobile/landline numbers.

Abstract should be in fully justified, italicized text written in 12-point Times New Roman. It must not exceed 300 words. The abstract should elaborate research background, objective of the paper and methodology. A maximum of 4-6 keywords should also be listed alphabetically, separated by commas and full stop at the end. For further clarifications, the coordinators may be contacted.

## Important Dates:

Submission of Abstracts	15h December 2011
Abstracts acceptance	20th December 2011
Submission of full papers	31st December 2011

Abstracts to be sent at - [psychology.ipc@gmail.com](mailto:psychology.ipc@gmail.com)



## Proposed Speakers for the Conference:

- **Dr. Sudhir Kakar**, Psychoanalyst and Writer
- **Prof. R.C. Tripathi**, Director, GB Pant Institute of Social Sciences, Ex-Pro-VC Allahabad University
- **Prof. Girishwar Misra**, Professor, Department of Psychology, Delhi University
- **Kiran Bedi**, Social Activist and retired IPS Officer
- **Prof. Ashis Nandy**, Senior Fellow and Director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- **Dr. Angomcha Bimol Akoijam**, Visiting Associate Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
- **Mr. Gautam Navlakha**, Consulting Editor-Economic and Political Weekly; Convener-International People's Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice in Kashmir(IPTK)
- **Varadarajan Perumal**, Former Chief Minister, Northern Province, Srilanka
- **Vrinda Grover**, Human Rights lawyer, Director-Multiple Action Research Group (MARG)
- **Prof. Honey Oberoi Vahali**, Clinical Psychologist and Professor at Ambedkar University
- **Dr. Rajat Mitra**, Director, Swanchetan Society for Mental Health

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

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