



Master of Arts Program in Peace, Development, Security and International Conflict Transformation

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Course: Transrational Methods of Peace Research

Aspects of Positive Peaces and Structural Violence

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This seminar applies the principles of transrationality and elicitive transformation to a research setting and asks the question of how the researcher her/himself can turn into a viable (re)source during the research process. It is based on the assumption that academic research can provide both informational gain and also opportunities for transformation of researcher, audience and, (if applicable) research participants.

We will investigate the ontological, epistemological and ethical premises of transrational research and together explore methodological considerations around Peace Research. Participants also work on their own individual research projects. Based on humanistic and transpersonal psychology and philosophy this seminar establishes alternative and complementary forms of knowing, investigates their expressions through (breath-, voice-, and movement-oriented) practices and focuses on the integration of such findings into academic texts. Participants so work on both themselves and their research projects. Openness to see the own research as a holistic adventure of information and transformation will be in high demand.