**Call for book chapter abstracts**

**Working title:** “Thinking Peace on the Border: Visions from the Other Side of the Colonial Difference”

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**Rationale:**

Peace Studies emerged as a distinct field of study in the peculiar context of the Cold War. The discipline with a normative commitment to positive peace and a focus on structural violence was originally considered a critical alternative to the mainstream International Relations that revolved around the national security and negative peace concerns (Weaver 2008; Krause 2019). However, subsequently Peace Studies also turned ‘main stream’ with the growing influence of the negative peace and positive social science advocates who sought scientific neutrality and a detachment from political activism (Krause 2019).

More recently, there have been multiple calls to revive the critical and emancipatory potential of the field, in line with Galtung’s original concern for structural and cultural violence (Jackson, 2015; Mundy 2016; Krause 2019, Richmond 2020). The persistent failings of the liberal peace project were visible long before the US hasty exit from Afghanistan in 2021. The call for the post-liberal emancipatory peace was being made long before the contemporary wave of the Decolonial, anti-racism resistance around the world (Richmond 2005, 2006, 2012; Campbell, Chandler & Sabaratnam 2011). Reviving the critical potential of Peace Studies is essential for its contemporary relevance. This edited volume is an attempt to reclaim and expand the critical in Peace Studies by centring the problem of structural violence and epistemic violence in Peace Studies. It is an attempt to delink from the liberal peace agenda and to think and do peace from the location of the Global South. Delinking is an act of epistemic disobedience that essentially involves border thinking (Mignolo, 2011). Thinking peace from the Global South, the other side of the colonial difference, provides unique insights to the problem of peace. The insights from the border location tend to connect personal with political and inner with global, hence they can significantly contribute to Peace Psychology and Peace Studies domains.

Seeing through the border, the problems of peace that become visible to me are other than collective security , national security , communist expansion, arms control, nuclear proliferation, , Islamist fundamentalism , Islamist terrorism, radicalization, violent extremism and home grown militancy and civil wars. My problems of peace are not included in this list of the problems that concern mainstream Peace Studies.

My problems of peace are; the colonial difference, the coloniality of power, knowledge and being, epistemic violence, epistemic injustice, academic dependency, White supremacy, White privilege, White ignorance, White innocence. The discipline called Peace Studies, that I study and teach in my Southern location does not talk to me, it does not include my problems of peace in its mainstream discourses. The peace visions from the other side of the colonial difference remain limited in the discipline we call Peace Studies.

The aim of this edited volume is to collect visions of peace from the other side of the colonial difference. I invite scholarly contributions based on border thinking, related to (but not limited to) the domains of Peace and Conflict Studies , Peace Education, Critical Pedagogy, Liberation Pedagogy, Peace Psychology, Liberation Psychology, Sociology , History, International Relations and Security Studies.

Epistemically disobedient , border thinking works can take many shapes , some of them are identified by Mignolo as;

a) making visible the geo body politics of knowledge

b) affirming bodies of knowledge that had been denied—older knowledge that we know less about

c) seeing through border thinking works (Mignolo 2007; p 463).

I welcome contributions that offer border thinking insights on the problem of peace and security in different ways. In case of any query, please feel free to contact me : fatima.sajjad@umt.edu.pk

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