



Center for the Advancement of Nonkilling, Germany (ZFNNND)

(Mainz, 1 July 2009) Is a nonkilling society possible? This is the main question of the book "Nonkilling Global Political Science" by the political scientist Professor em. Glenn Paige from Hawaii. The book first appeared in 2002 and is now also available in German.

See www.nonkilling.de



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The ZFNNND was founded in May 2009 by Anis Hamadeh and Sabine Yacoub in Mainz, Germany, and it seeks to grow into a nonprofit organization. Points of departure are the nonkilling book and the bilingual website www.nonkilling.de. The work of the Center consists of public work, research and networking, in close partnership with the American Center for Global Nonkilling. If you are interested in Nonkilling Germany and want to join you can, for example, collect organizations in Germany that support nonkilling; or maybe you have knowledge about sources for killing statistics or about actions that lead in the direction of a killing-free society; wanted are also living examples in politics and public; if you are a translator you might like to bring articles from the American website into German or something from Wikipedia; this is also the place for German speaking people to present relevant research from all kinds of sciences, own works and the works of others; if you like media and public work you can help preparing polls and info materials for the German press, politics and Academia or you can monitor the media for hints; artists can join the Art Festival, see the article below. There are many things to start with. Join in! Contact: info@nonkilling.de

The Center for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii

"To promote change toward the measurable goal of a killing-free world" - this is what the Center for Global Nonkilling (CGNK) is meant for, see www.nonkilling.org. The Center is new, founded only in December 2008, a year after the first Global Nonkilling Leadership Forum. Interdisciplinary scholars and scientists from all over the world come together here, joined by Nobel Peace laureates, politicians and activists, to explore and support killing-free societies. Among the projects of the Center is a working model "Nonkilling Hawaii" to examine Hawaii's killing-related issues. A Global Monitoring initiative seeks to develop a global network of colleagues and supporters who share information on conditions related to killing and nonkilling around the world. Furthermore, CGNK runs a Global Campaign for Nonkilling and a

Nonkilling Leadership project. Educational projects are also involved. Nonkilling Research Committees on various areas of knowledge act as consultative bodies to promote the advancement of interdisciplinary scientific evidence on the possibilities of nonkilling societies. These committees provide creative input on research agendas, academic events, courses and publications. Tools like the YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/globalnonkilling illustrate the goals and work of the Center. Many publications can be downloaded from the website and you find helpful working materials online in the "School of Nonkilling Studies", see next article.

The School of Nonkilling Studies

CGNK initiated the School of Nonkilling Studies, based at Wikiversity: http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/School:Nonkilling_studies. Wikiversity is a Wikimedia Foundation project devoted to learning resources, learning projects, and research for use in education from pre-school to university, including professional training and informal learning. The Interdisciplinary Program of the School of Nonkilling Studies includes courses such as "Nonkilling Political Science", "Nonkilling Anthropology", Linguistics, Philosophy, Human Biology, Historiography, Psychology, Physics, and "Nonkilling Mathematics". A second program is devoted to Nonkilling Spiritual Traditions. It features courses on nonkilling in major world religions and communities of faith such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism or Voodoo. A third program is on Nonkilling Leadership Development and renders lessons e.g. from Leo Tolstoy, Mahatma Gandhi, Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Petra Kelly, Guillermo Gaviria and Ronald Mallone. Those initial programs will help develop a group of alumni learned in nonkilling who can, in turn, stimulate further active participation for the advancement of nonkilling knowledge.

Nonkilling Art Festival

The Nonkilling Art Festival at www.nonkilling.de/cms/en/art-festival.html is inviting artists to tackle the subject and to enrich the concept via art. New is Anis' song "No More Killing" on the occasion of Glenn Paige's 80th birthday on 28 June 2009.

Petra Kelly Research

The politician Petra Kelly (1947-1992) was one of the most remarkable advocates of nonkilling visions in Germany. She is mentioned seven times in Professor Paige's book and the two actually met. Today there is little in Germany that reminds of her thoughts. We find a foundation, a prize and an archive with her name, managed by the Heinrich Böll Foundation (Greens), yet the Greens have generally developed away from Kelly's approaches. Additionally, her work became overshadowed by the murder. There are not many books about her or by her on the market and you find almost no video contribution in the net. Therefore, the German Nonkilling Center revisits Petra Kelly and dedicates a rubric to Petra Kelly research. A good starting-point is here: http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Nonkilling_Leadership_Lessons_from_Petra_Kelly

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