## **Peace Psychology Course**

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## Oldie but goodie!

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To Indian Psychologists

**Dear Colleagues** 

Peace Psychology is an area that has been neglected in our country though we are constantly confronting with different types and kinds of conflicts.

Having achieved independence through non-violent methods and the method being universally recognized and accepted, we have not initiated any course incorporating the 'wisdom' from our experience.

I am pasting below excerpts from a document prepared by Anthony J. Marsella, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus University of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96822 marsella@hawaii.edu

The document describes some of the reasons for not giving this area the due consideration.

It proposes a guideline for starting a course if anyone is interested.

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All School and Colleges/University need to celebrate International Peace Day which is on 21st September 2018 to initiate first Peace Culture/Training for students, teachers and staff in Academic Ecology to prevent Mental Health issues/problems.

Further Peace education syllabus is already available for Schools and similarly it should become compulsory education (Peace Psychology) for all students in the University's as well. These are my personal opinion.

I will be sharing the brief report of International Peace Week Celebration at our University.

Prof.Abha Singh

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I think Prof. Abha Singh's observation is timely and significant: We need to introduce Peace Education as part of school and university curricula.

However, I differ on two counts: I do not think it must be made mandatory, for forcing peace studies down the throat of students is a violent act, and will violate the very principles of nonviolence! So, we need to make the peace studies curriculum appealing, productive, and resourceful so that students will naturally gravitate towards it on their own free will.

Secondly, peace studies need not be limited to peace psychology. Of course, as psychologists, we offer peace psychology; but universities can offer "Peace Studies" with different concentrations in sociology, psychology, political science, history, etc... This will widen the scope of Peace Studies and more students will enroll.

Hope this happens sooner than later. And psychology departments can take the initiative. Excellent course syllabi are available on the APA Div 48 website.

## With Thanks & Regards

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Thank you for sharing the information. I think at times when one wants to introduce any new course first difficultly is syllabus and second difficultly is books. (Syllabus is available so one hurdle is gone).

Also I feel if there are scholarships available for the students they get motivation. And job opportunity is another aspect which every student is looking for.

If all these things are available peace psychology will be a very useful course.

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