



Peace by Peaceful Means

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Peace studies pioneer aspires to lay 'theoretical foundation for peace research, peace education and peace action,' distinguishes between a static definition of peace as 'an absence of direct, structural, and cultural violence' and dynamic definition as 'the state of affairs that makes the nonviolent and creative handling of conflict possible'. More specific contributions on nonviolence are:

- 'On the Meaning of Nonviolence', Journal of Peace Research, No. 3 1965, distinguishing between negative and positive sanctions, and
- 'Principles of Nonviolent Action: The Great Chain of Nonviolence Hypothesis' in Nonviolence and Israel/Palestine, Honolulu, University of Hawaii Institute for Peace, 1989, p. 13-33.

The 'chain of nonviolence' concept addresses the problem of social and psychological distance between oppressors and oppressed, and has been taken up in the literature. For instance, Howard Clark's 'Afterword', pp. 214-218, in Clark, ed., People Power (below) briefly explores the concept.

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