

## Social Justice Initiatives: Peaceful Solutions to Challenging Opportunities

The presenter will briefly introduce a solution-focused approach to social justice activities. Following this, he will highlight the history of the discipline of peace psychology in the United States and important concepts linked with this discipline (e.g., peace building, peace education, structural violence). An overview of a few research (e.g., altruism in the workplace, solutions for peace between Hindus and Muslims in India; measuring nonviolence) and applied projects (e.g., reducing hate on a university campus; painting for peace) linked with peace psychology and social justice will then be presented. Factors to consider in order to effectively engage in social justice work will then be introduced followed by an open discussion with the program attendees.