

Human science and Peace Education:

from a viewpoint of developing a history / peace education program based on Experiential Psychology

This symposium is held as a part of an international project aiming at development of a new history / peace education program, sensitive to cultural and historical backgrounds of East Asia. In this project, we are developing the East Asian style of Healing the Wounds of the History(HWH) program created by Armand Volkas, a clinical psychologist, and applied to peace education for many years in U.S.A. and other countries, with various ethnic groups such as German and Jew. In this international symposium, we introduce a basic frame of an HWH program and investigate issues in applying it to the East Asian contexts with Japanese and foreign peace education researchers.

At first, in Part 1, we report the result that we practiced an HWH program in international conference "Remembering Nanjing, 2011" in Nanjing in October, 2011.

With following Part 2, we will get feedbacks from researchers from related fields for developing this program to a new history / peace education program, followed by the discussion with participants in Part 3.

In the workshop, on May 4th and 5th, "Thinking History and Peace with body and mind" Armand Volkas will lead the younger generation of Japanese and Chinese to experiencing the HWH program. In this two day workshop, the post war generation of Japanese and Chinese share their wartime experiences that each succeeded to and deepen the understanding of each other's history to investigate an ideal relationship of Japan-China relations in the 21st century.

International symposium:

"Human science and peace education"

Presenters:

Lianhong Zhang (Nanjing Normal University)

Kuniko Muramoto (Ritsumeikan University) Armand Volkas (CIIS)

Commentators:

Takashi Kakuni (Vice director, Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University)

Tadashi Nakamura (Ritsumeikan University) Takako Okado (Tokyo Zijin Grass Chorus)

Moderator

Haruhiko Murakawa (Kansai University)

Date and time:

Saturday, April 28, 2012 From 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Meeting place:

Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University:

Workshop "Thinking History and Peace with body and mind"

Facilitator Armand Volkas (CIIS)

The date and time: May 4th (Fri) and May 5th (Sat), 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting place: Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University

Capacity: 20 (please refer beforehand)

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International Symposium: "Human science and Peace Education: from a viewpoint of developing a history / peace education program based on Experiential Psychology"

Schedule: 1:00 p.m. Opening and Reports of "Remembering Nanjing 2011"
3:00 p.m. Chorus: "Zijin grass story": facing the future without forgetting the history.
3:30 p.m. Comments on Reports
4:30 p.m. Discussion
5:30 p.m. Closing

REPORTER:

Lianhong ZHANG (Professor of History, Nanjing Normal University) Chief Researcher, Nanjing Massacre Research Center. Dr. Zhang represents a new tide of the Chinese scholars on Nanjing Massacre whose studies are positivistic based on proof rather than a conventional frame.

Armand VOLKAS (Associate Professor, CIIS, Armand Volkas, MFT, RDT/BCT) As a son of survivors from Auschwitz, Armand developed the original peace education program that used technique of drama therapy. It is applied to a reconciliation of various conflict groups such as German and Jews, Turkish and Armenians.

Kuniko MURAMOTO (Professor, Graduate School of Science for Humans Services, Ritsumeikan University, clinical psychology) Working for the recovery support, prevention, and research of traumas in individual levels such as abuse, DV, sexual violence as well as community and historical levels.

Commentators:

Takashi KAKUNI (Professor, College of letters, Ritsumeikan University, philosophy) Vice director, Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University, the Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences. A research project leader "recovery representative of human presence from violence" at the Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences. Studying French modern philosophy, mainly on philosophy of Merleau-Ponty

Tadashi NAKAMURA (Professor, Graduate School of Science for Humans Services, Ritsumeikan University, Sociology) Conducting research and clinical practice on violence. Planning "Clinical Sociology" for atonement and apology, healing and recovery, reconciliation and responsibilities.

Takako OKADO (Tokyo Zijin Grass Chorus) Retired elementary school teacher. National Committee member for Japan Federation of Theater Education. Creating chorus suites, musicals, picture books and directing concerts and gathering on local history, ecology, and peace. More than twenty chorus suites such as "A large tree" "choice for the future", "Cherry tree and dogwood" "Earth for regeneration "

Zijin Grass chorus Recital: constitution from "Zijin Grass Story": facing the future without forgetting the history.

Lyric: Takako Daimon, Composition: Susumu Onishi
Arrangement: Kazuko Yamashita and Yong Zhang

Zijin grass *Orychophragmus violaceus*, is a beautiful purple filed flower, called flower radish, Zhuge vegetable, purple flower vegetable. This flower was brought back to Japan at the time of Japan-China War from the foot of Zijin mountain of Nanjing suburbs by a Japanese officer, and spread for requiem and prayer of peace. Based on this story, Ms. Okado made a picture book of "Purple flower Radish" and this chorus lyric. Now, there are amateur groups of housewives, teachers, kindergarten teachers, retiree, for this chorus in Osaka, Nara, Kanazawa, Tokyo, Fuchu, Chiba, Miyagi, Ibaraki. In these ten years, we had several hundred concerts in Japan, and seven concerts in Nanjing, Beijing, and Shanghai where we collaborated and interacted with Chinese citizens and students. (the below picture is Zijin grass at the peace garden of Nanjing University of Science and Technology)



International project researchers:

Yasuko IKEUCHI (Professor, College of Social Sciences, Ritsumeikan University, performance study)

Hiroshi ODA (Associate professor, Hokkaido University, cultural anthropology)

Aya KASAI (CIIS Ph.D. candidate, creative arts therapy)

Yuichi KANEMARU (Professor, College of Economics, Ritsumeikan University, Japan-China relations)

Yuan Hong JI (Associate Professor, Faculty of International Studies, Hiroshima City University, clinical psychology)

Linjin TAO (Researcher at Nanjing Normal University, clinical psychology)

Haruhiko MURAKAWA (Associate Professor, Faculty of Health and Well-being, Kansai University, embodied education)

Workshop "Thinking History and Peace with Body and Mind"

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As for natural disasters such as earthquakes or typhoons leave deep wounds in not only a body but also a heart, the wartime experiences must have deep wounds on our hearts. Trauma from such war experiences should be succeeded in various forms to the next generation even if they were not handed down by words, and have large impacts on our humanity. More than 60 years after the end of WWII, it is time for us to shed lights on such wounds from the war experiences which we have succeeded without being aware of their impacts, and heal them and move forward for the future.

In this workshop, we invite Armand Volkas, a clinical psychologist who has engaged in peace education for many years in U.S.A., and explore such war experiences in Japanese and Chinese post-war generations. Through sharing the wartime experiences we succeeded to, we deepen mutual understanding about our experiences on history and build new Japan-China relations for the 21st century.

Information

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