

# Review of: "Conflict Resolution Applications to Peace Studies"

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This is an interesting article given the fact that it was written at a time when various conflicts are taking place in Europe and the Middle East. However, the paper has some serious weaknesses.

- In the section "Statement of the Problem," the author states that "this study aims to empower practitioners..." followed by a sentence which states that "...the research employs a comprehensive methodology..." I assume that the author refers to the current study. Yet, I have not seen any discussion of any case studies.
- In the section "Mediation and Negotiation as Conflict Resolution Mechanisms," the author states that: "For instance, diplomatic negotiations between nations have resulted in the signing of peace treaties, preventing the escalation of armed conflicts and fostering stable international relations..." From a global perspective, to what extent has this occurred or has occurred over the years, as opposed to ongoing conflicts like Cyprus, Palestine, Korea, Kurdistan, etc.? Although I do not disagree with the above statement, I believe that it does not present the reality of armed or political conflicts currently occurring around the world. The author(s) needs to clarify this discussion.
- In the 7th paragraph of the above section, the author states: "Some conflicts may necessitate the involvement of other methods, such as arbitration or coercive measures, to ensure compliance with agreements.." Without real-life examples, such statements are quite vague.
- I would feel more comfortable if major findings would include actual research. There is no research in this article. The author should clearly state at the beginning of this paper that this is a literature review article.
- The author/s refers to the South Africa case in the discussion section. No new information should be introduced in the discussion section. The discussion section sums up and discusses (obviously) the information given in the main body of the article.
- Overall, it is not clear what the author/s suggest in this paper. The recommendations made are very general.
- Without a major revision, I would not feel comfortable if this paper were published. It's a decent literature review, but if it is not supported by research and a presentation of case studies on how conflict resolution approaches are applied or were applied in real-life situations, this paper is too weak to be published in its current form.

