

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

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The manuscript entitled "Conflict Resolution Applications to Peace Studies" constitutes a relevant contribution to the global study of the construction and maintenance of peace in various regions of the world, and in the face of a diversity of phenomena that limit its permanence and stability (e.g., war conflicts, violation of human rights, terrorist acts, etc.).

The manuscript proposes a theoretical approach to conflict resolution, describing various variables or central elements in the current approach to said topic. In this sense, justice, equity, human dignity (among other aspects), are taken into account by the author under the "pivot" concept relative to "ethical" considerations understood, imperatively, as a fundamental framework to carry out effective conflict resolution, preventing armed conflicts, and installing social cohesion. In fact, the author recognizes a gap in current peace studies in relation to ethic as a crucial tool in conflict resolution.

Under this panorama, the concept of "transformative conflict resolution" provides a comprehensive vision, legitimizing the necessary connection between the dynamic processes of peacebuilding and "inclusivity."

Another aspect to be highlighted by the author is the role of the "mediator" in conflict resolution based on impartiality, expertise, and cultural sensitivity, which legitimizes conflict resolution processes. Tending towards proactivity and prevention of future conflicts, diplomacy, communication, would promote the "resilience" of the parties.

However, although the manuscript presents updated bibliography on the concepts addressed, the presentation of the concepts is superficial and even repetitive. It would be important to enrich the exposition by including details of illustrative examples or cases linked to conflict resolution in relation to the variables addressed. Along the same lines, it would be recommended to add a greater number of bibliographic sources, especially because citations are reiterated throughout the manuscript. Likewise, in a Methodology section, it would be necessary to specify data from the bibliographic review carried out, e.g., the libraries or indexed bases used, the period of time in which the search was limited, etc.