

Review of: "Reflections on Bordering, Micropolitics and Everyday Life in Peacebuilding Processes: Revisiting the Lingering Legacy of the 1949 Armistice Agreements"

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I would like to emphasize several crucial points that highlight their contribution to the field of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. First, it's important to recognize the originality and depth with which the authors approach the topic of borders and their impact on everyday life in conflict contexts. The analysis focuses on the implications of the 1949 Armistice Agreements and their sustained influence on the current dynamics between Israel and its neighbors. This historical perspective provides a valuable framework for understanding the roots and persistence of regional conflicts.

The authors skillfully introduce the idea of micropolitics in peacebuilding processes, an approach that is often underestimated in conventional geopolitical analyses. Their argument that small-scale interventions, although not sufficient on their own, are fundamental in challenging identities imposed by state power and in fostering peace, is particularly enlightening. This approach underscores the importance of understanding and working with the realities and perceptions of people directly affected by conflicts.

The inclusion of autoethnography as a methodological tool to explore personal experiences at the borders of conflict is another notable aspect. This technique provides an intimate and detailed perspective on how individuals experience and understand conflicts, a crucial dimension that is often overlooked in peacebuilding studies.

Furthermore, the article highlights the importance of emotions and narrative recognition in peacebuilding. This approach resonates with current trends in conflict resolution that seek to go beyond purely political or economic solutions to address underlying psychological and emotional dimensions.

Finally, the article serves as a reminder that peacebuilding processes are complex and multifaceted, requiring a detailed understanding of local and personal dynamics, as well as the narratives and emotions that influence perceptions of conflicts. This understanding is essential for developing more effective and sustainable peace interventions.

The authors offer a significant contribution to the field of peacebuilding, expanding our understanding of how borders, local policies, and personal experiences intertwine in conflict contexts. Their focus on micropolitics and everyday life provides valuable perspectives for peacebuilding efforts worldwide.

