

DEATH AT THE DOOR OF PARADISE



A picture taken by Javier Bauluz, a Spanish photographer and winner of a Pulitzer Prize, shows two Spanish tourists on a beach looking at the lifeless body of a clandestine boat immigrant. The picture was part of a report on the entry of illegal immigrants through the shores of Western Europe. It denounces people's indifference to the tragedies of others. Following its publication in *La Vanguardia* and the *New York Times*, reviews and commentaries poured into Spain.







We can't solve problems by using
the same kind of thinking we used
when we created them.

Albert Einstein



Humanisation is the great challenge
of our times.
Paulo Freire



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Paris
2003, 2004

Berlin
2005

Istanbul
2010

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South Africa
2013

New Zealand
2011

Costa Rica
2006

Hawaii
2009

NYC
2002-2011

Oregon
2012

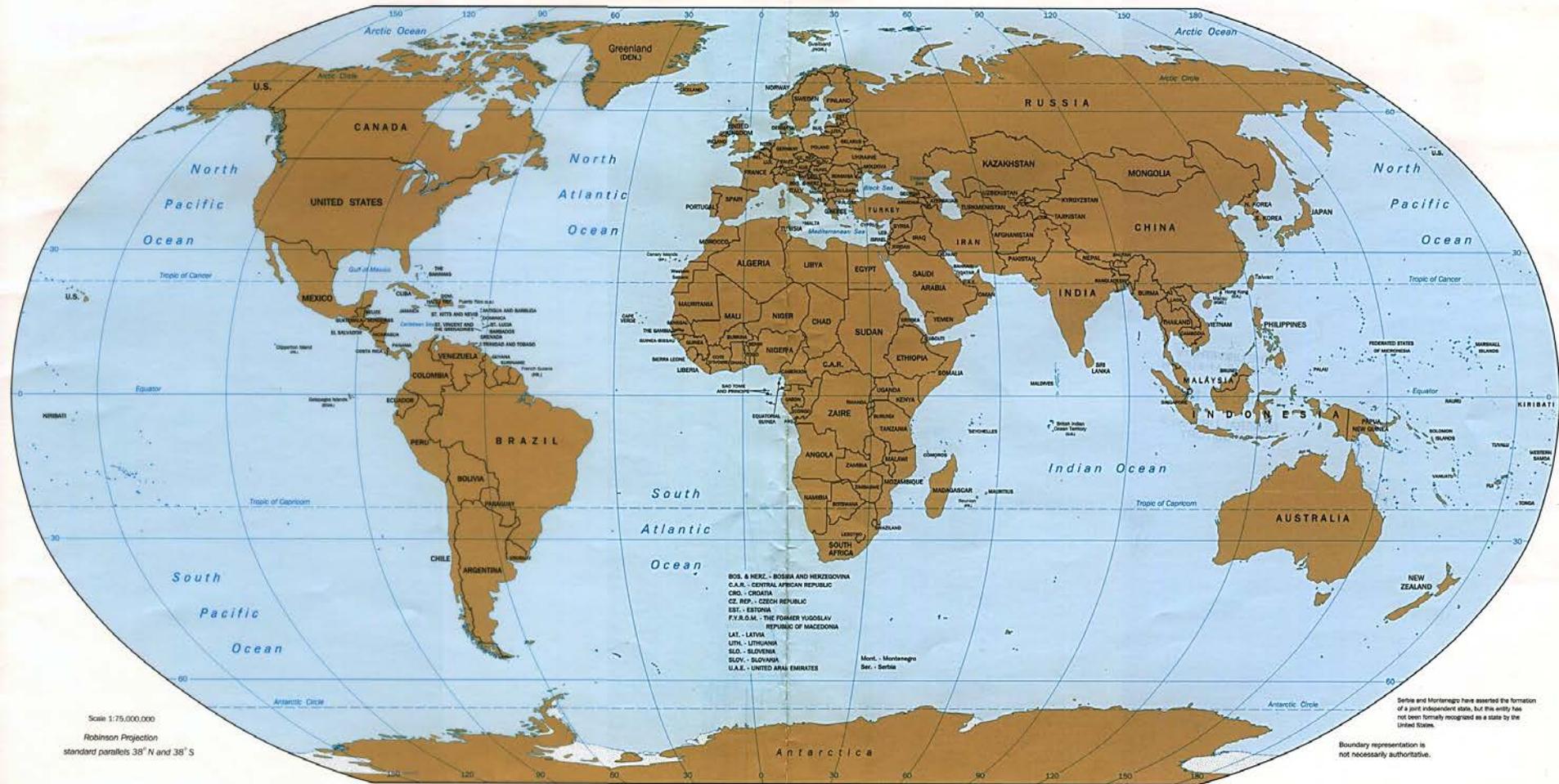
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Robinson Projection
Standard parallels 30° N and 30° S

States and territories have asserted the formation of joint international cities, but the only one not been formally recognized is a case to the United States.
Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.





Political Map of the World







Feelings of humiliation:
the "nuclear bomb of the emotions" (Lindner)

Dynamics of humiliation may lead to rifts - more or less benign (genocide, terrorism, or "only cultural difference) - and the break-down of:

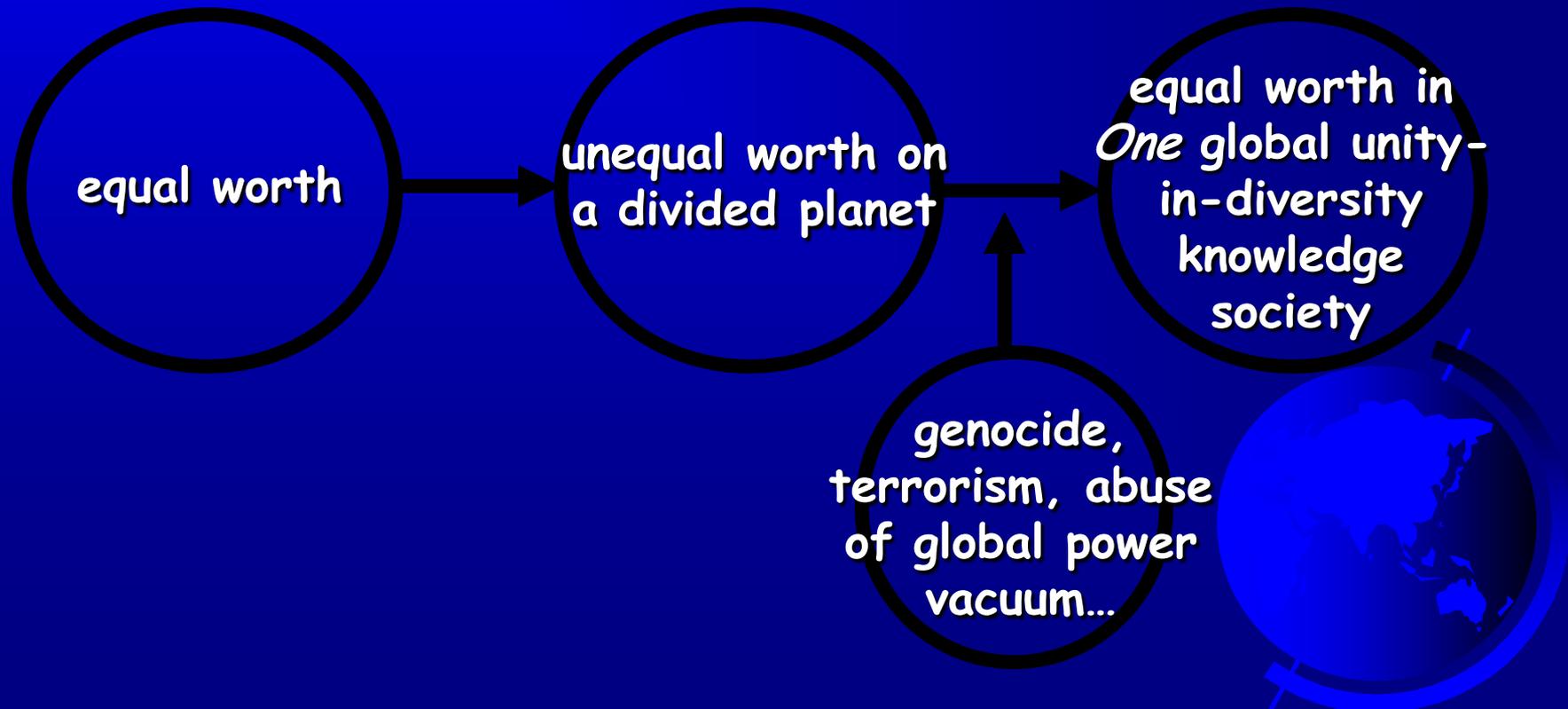
- 1.international relations
- 2.intergroup relations
- 3.interpersonal relations
- 4.intrapersonal relations
- 5.relations with ecosphere



The transition and its pitfalls



oppression, double standards &
"Stockholm Syncrome," "inferiority complex"





MAKING ENEMIES

Humiliation and International Conflict

EVELIN LINDNER

Foreword by Morton Deutsch

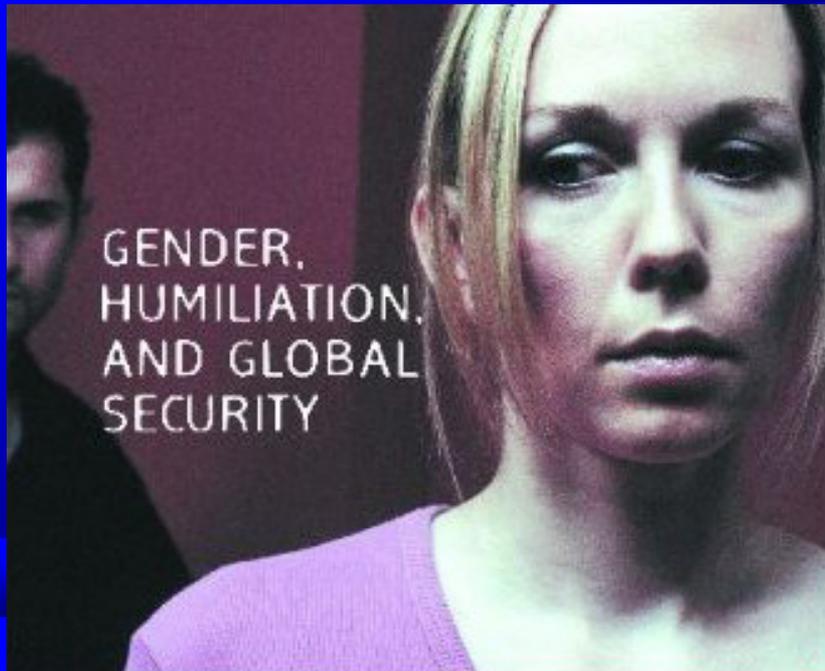


Emotion and Conflict



HOW HUMAN RIGHTS CAN DIGNIFY EMOTION
AND HELP US WAGE GOOD CONFLICT

Evelin G. Lindner

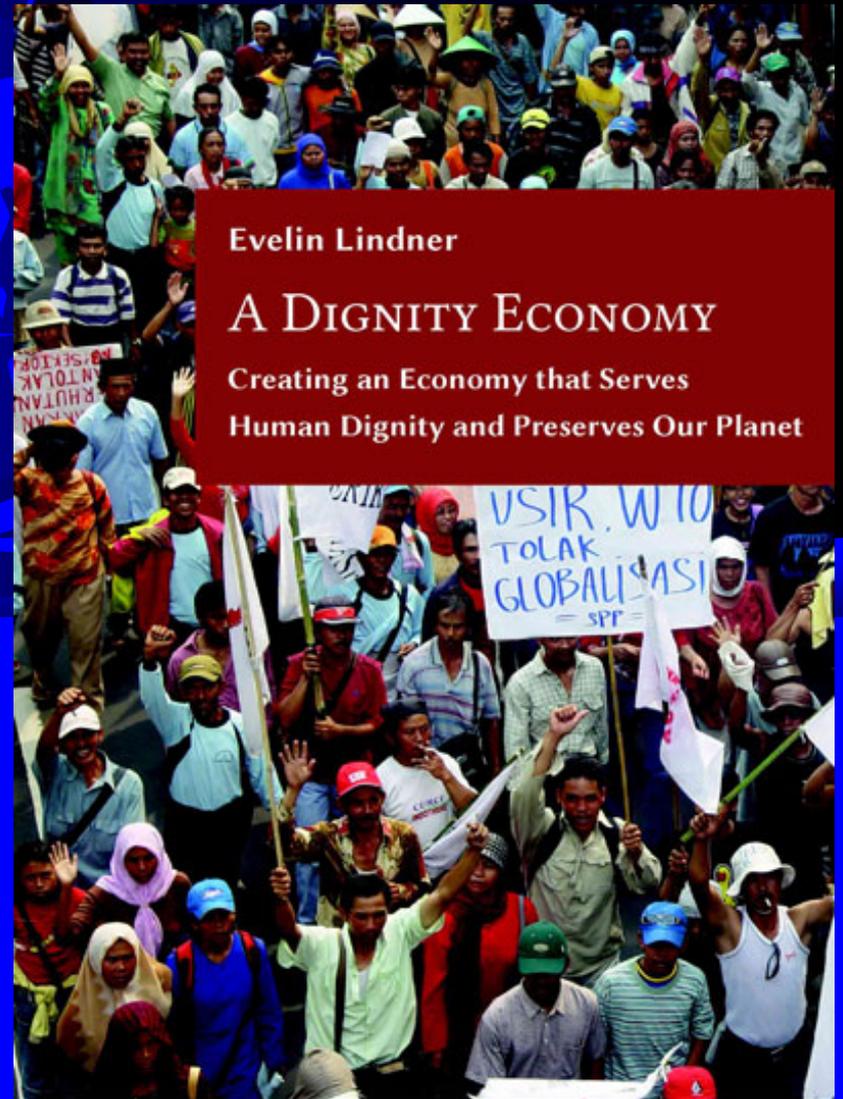


GENDER,
HUMILIATION,
AND GLOBAL
SECURITY

DIGNIFYING RELATIONSHIPS
FROM LOVE, SEX, AND
PARENTHOOD TO
WORLD AFFAIRS

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Foreword by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu



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A DIGNITY ECONOMY

Creating an Economy that Serves
Human Dignity and Preserves Our Planet

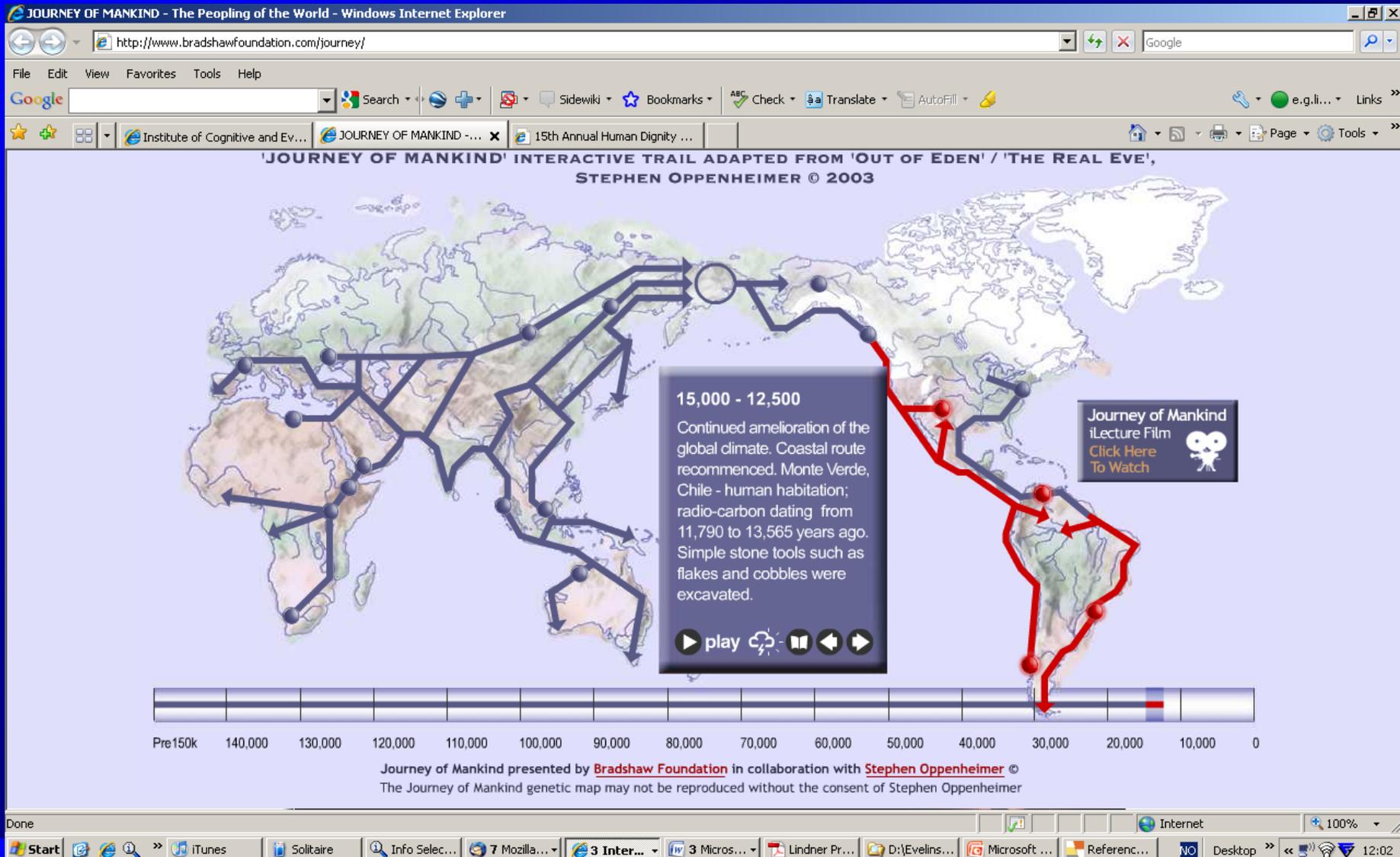


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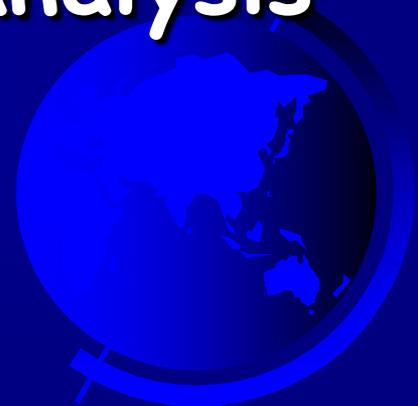
Roamers and migrators

<http://www.bradshawfoundation.com/journey/>



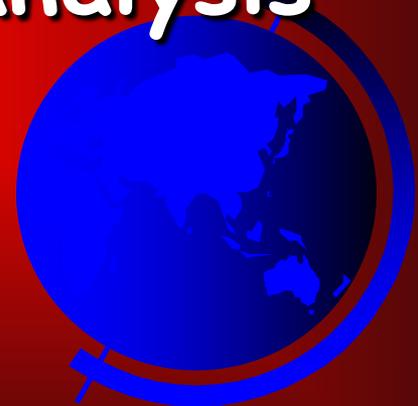
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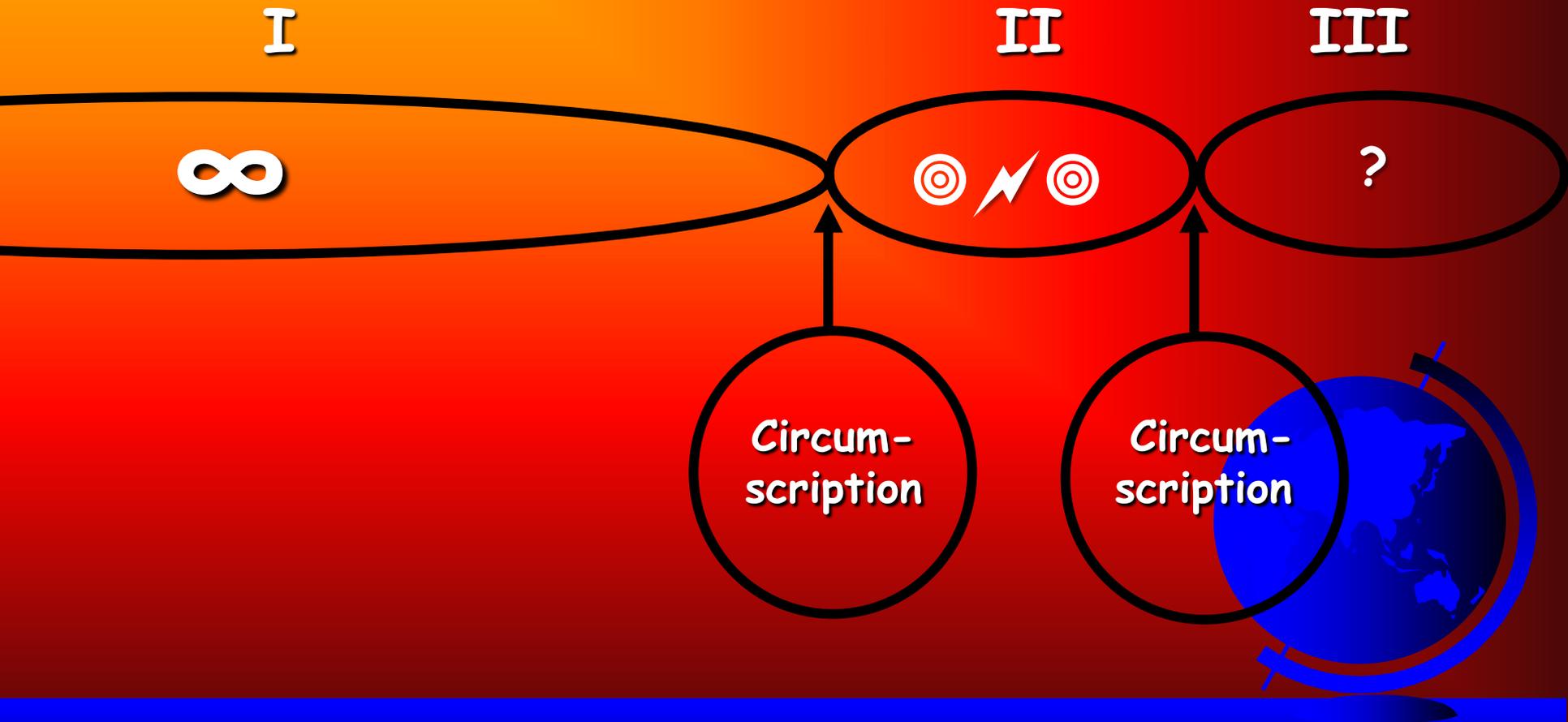
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Two turning points

William Ury, *Getting to Peace*, 1999, Lindner





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The transition to relations of equal dignity - dignity humiliation (individual)

No longer master
(arrogation)



No longer underling
(dignity humiliation)



humbling, NOT
humiliating

entrusting, NO
blind empowering

Top of
hierarchy
(monopoly
on dignity)

Equal dignity
(third room)

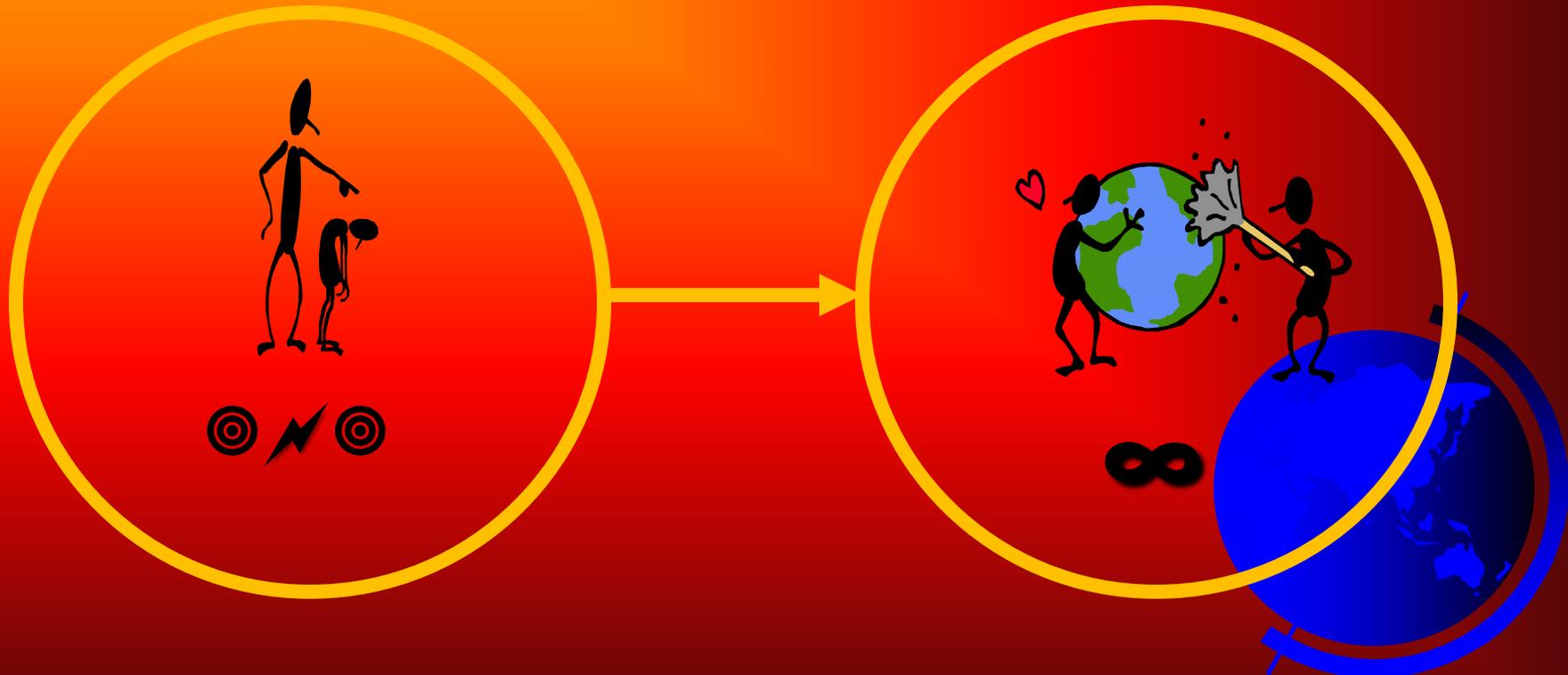
Bottom of
hierarchy
(no dignity)



Peace, reconciliation, conflict resolution, love, happiness

domination over un-equals,
with humiliation seen as pro-
social

mutuality between equals, with
humiliation seen as a violation



How to deal with humiliation

forget about it



addicted to
victimhood



Paths to healing

1. Access to documents
2. Places of remembrance
3. Art
4. Truth commissions
5. Think of the future! Unburden your children!





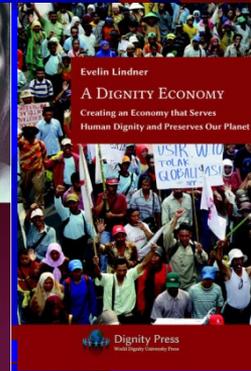
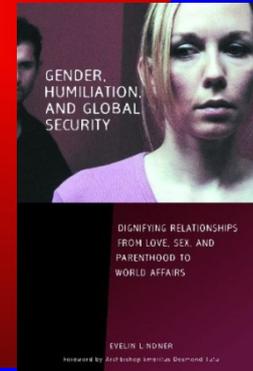
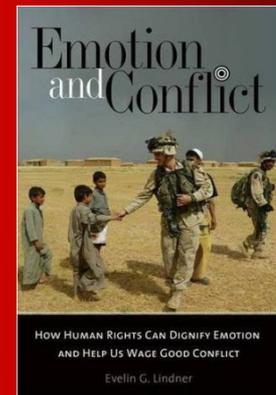
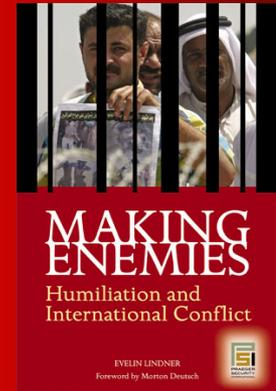
Truth Commission:

If the script of combat and domination is used, this may start new cycles of humiliation.

What is needed is a meta-transition from rigid to fluid, from excluding to including, from unequal to equal, from dictating to co-creating and cooperating.

Sustainable future?

- The minimum: cooperation, “shared custody also after divorce”
- More: “waging good conflict,” reconciliation and forgiveness
- The maximum: Mandela-like ability to turn enemies into friends



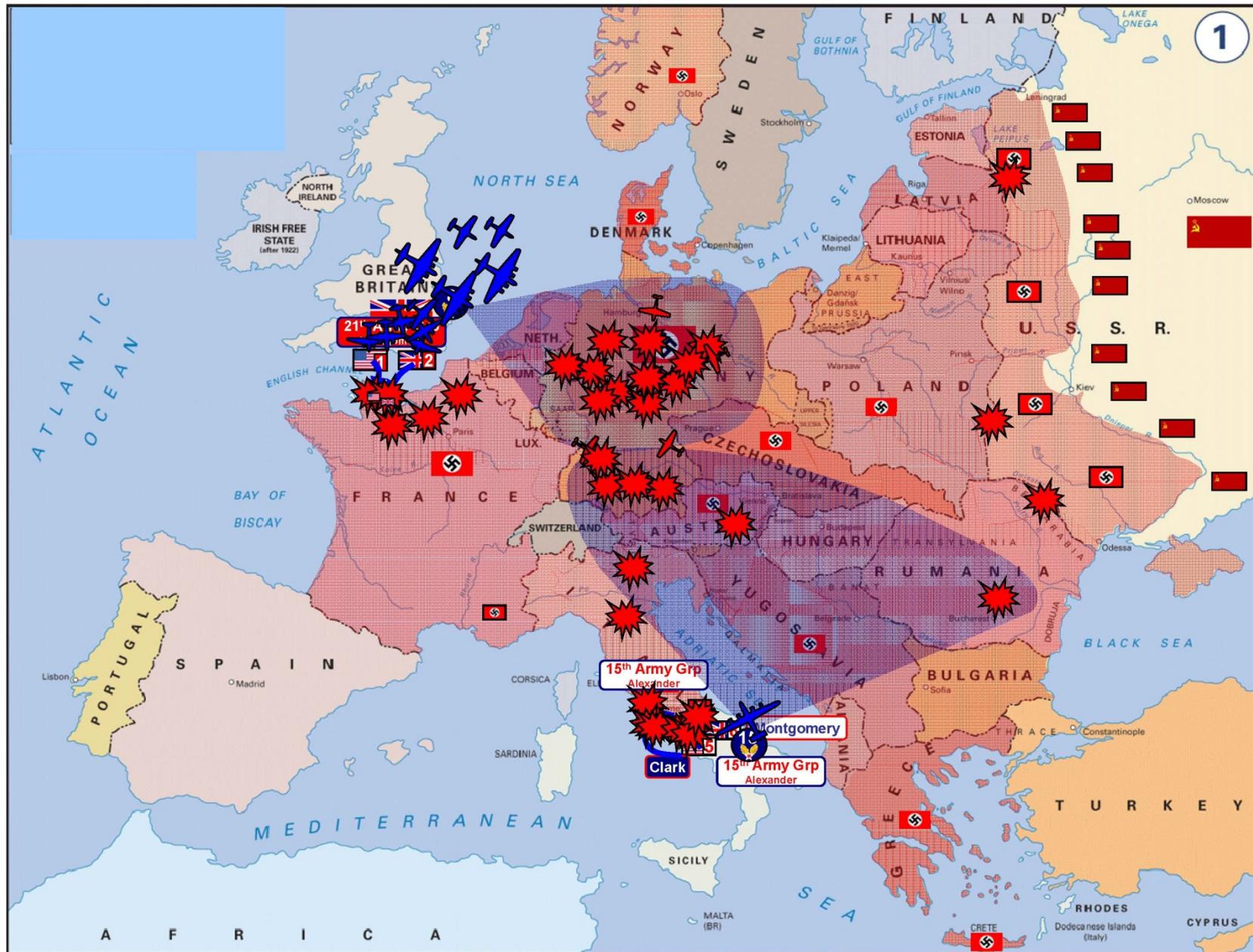


I feel responsible, personally, for all the suffering that we, as a human family, have caused.

Truth Commission

This is the ideal, but I believe this is the only way, we can reconcile, otherwise, it will always be "we" and "them." If this is too much to ask, we should at least cooperate to end the cycles of humiliation and avoid repetition.







There is no path
to peace.
Peace
is the path
(Gandhi)



