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Focus of the Symposium CHPW

Contemporary History and Politics of the World is one of the most important issues in today’s world. We are living in very dangerous time of history and in the world in which we are daily witnessing injustice, wars, hatred, violence and terrorism. We think that people are able to change this sad state of affairs and with God’s help to build the world that would be a better place for all of us. We should strive to replace the present Culture of War, Violence, Injustice and Hatred by the Culture of Peace, Justice, Cooperation and Love. To achieve this goal we have to seek and implement new innovative conflict resolution strategies that would stop the reign of wars, violence, hatred and killing.

In order to successfully eliminate the violence, correct injustices, extinguish smoldering conflicts and peacefully resolve other burning issues of our time, we shall have to openly and honestly address the underlying causes of those conflicts and injustices, and to examine the primary reasons for the violence and malaise that permeate our society and our world today. In these efforts we should be able to ‘step into the shoes of others’ who are suffering in these wars and conflicts in order to feel and experience their own pain, grief and anguish. In this task we need help of all people of good will, especially academics and intellectuals, to assist us in attaining the above objectives.

The Symposium will offer an opportunity for free expression of views on burning issues of our time, no matter how unpopular, controversial, or “politically incorrect” such views may be. We believe in a civilized, open and free discussion, and we shall welcome contribution of authors who wish to address any aspects of the contemporary history and current social, societal and political developments in today’s world, including any of the topics/issues listed below.

- Imperialism and Bullying in Today’s World
- Pathology of Political Power and Global Domination: Past, Present & Future
- Creating an Enemy/Adversary – a History of Demonization, Denunciation and Boycotts
- Profiting from Polarization, Destabilization, Disintegration, Wars, Conflicts and Turmoil
- Underlying Causes of Conflicts, Wars, and Violence
- Ethics, Morals and Justice, and Human Development in a Contemporary World
- The World as a System
- History of Contemporary Sociopolitical & Economic Developments
- Historical Systems Paradigms & Modeling of Political Processes
• Multi-Perspective Assessment of Historical Events and Political Actions
• Comparative Analysis of Historical Developments
• Politics of Fear and Scare Tactics as Political Weapons
• WMD – Weapons of Mass Distraction & Deception used by TV/Communication Media
• Monopolistic Concentration of TV/Mass Communication Media in the Hands of a Few
• History of Manipulation, Deception, Misinformation, Omission, and Distortion of Facts
• The Role of Mass Communication Media in Interpretation and Distortion of History
• Emerging Global Dictatorship and Loss of Individual Freedom
• “US War on Terror”
• Sociopolitical Pathology of Displacements Response to 9/11
• Terrorisms of Radical Islam and Al-Qaeda
• Israel Palestinian Conflict
• State- and Government-Sponsored Terrorism
• Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East and in Other Parts of the World
• The History of Globalization and Geopolitics – the Major Players
• China and India as Growing Political, Economic and Military Powers
• Political and Security Issues between Russia and the West
• Bolivarian Revolution in South America (Venezuela, Bolivia, etc.)
• Problem of Immigrants in European Union
• Past, Present and Future Status of Kosovo

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