Peace-health issues and academia

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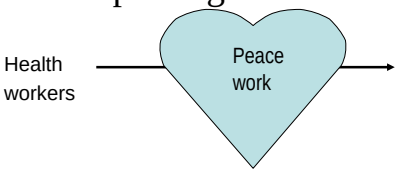
Health paradigm



- Medical Peace Work
- Peace Medicine
- Health as a Bridge to Peace
- Peace through health

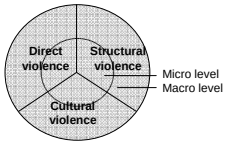
What is peace?

Three transformative lessons from peace studies:

1. **The opposite of peace is not war, but violence.**
   - Collective, inter-personal and self-induced violence (WHO)
   - Violence prevention
   - Preventing human rights violations
2. **Violence can be direct, structural or cultural.**
   - Global Health, Social Medicine, Ecosystem Health
   - Medical ethics, code of conducts, Human Rights

Different types and levels of violence

- Direct, structural and cultural violence
- Mega / macro / meso / micro level



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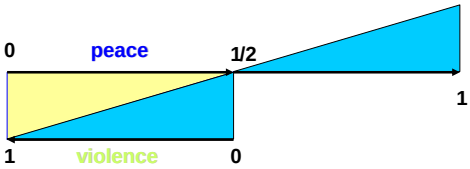
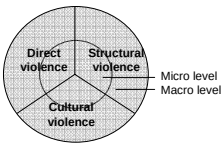
3. **Peace is not only the absence of anything negative, but also the presence of anything positive.**



What is Peace work ?



Non-violent activities which

- reduce or abolish direct, structural or cultural violence
- build harmonious, mutual beneficial relations and structures
- strengthen the peace capacity of individuals / societies

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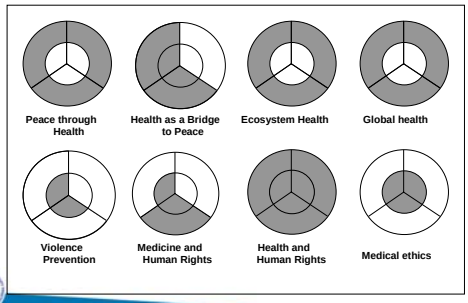
Scope of different frameworks



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What is Medical Peace Work not?