# TFF The Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research



We know Ali had a warm sweater.

And that he liked fish.

We know he had a home and a family.

What we don't know is if he is still alive.

## TFF works for peace. With realism and passion.

We met Ali in Baghdad before the war, under Saddam. There was no peace and human rights then. And not much today either. But peace is a human need and a human right. Thanks to violent politics - government policies and terrorism - millions are being denied that basic right every day. But a civilised world has no room for war or for millions living in misery.

Peace, like health, is the absence of something bad and the presence of something good. Real peace can prevail only when we learn to live and solve conflicts without resorting to violence. In an era of globalisation, humanity desperately needs institutions for the common good.

We're TFF, The Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research. We bring conflict understanding to more people and help reduce violence and suffering. We need the willing support of people like you. To help us conduct peace research and conflict-mitigation in war zones. To go to places media has forgotten.

We make communities divided by hatred unite through dialogue. Help us help Ali and millions like him.



We need your support.

## We're TFF - The Transnational Foundation

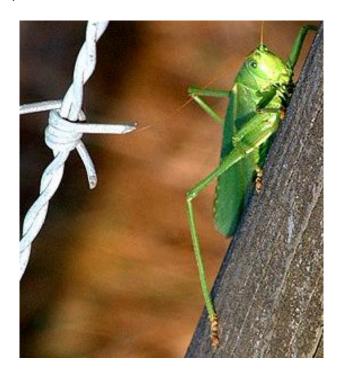
#### Mission

"TFF is an independent think tank, a global network and a homepage for peace by peaceful means. It inspires a passion for peace from the grassroots to the corridors of power."

#### Goals

Conflict-mitigation, peace research and education to improve conflict understanding at all levels and promote a new security and global development based on nonviolent politics, economics, sustainability and ethics of care. The results which aim at decision-makers and citizens alike combine innovative thinking and theories with workable, practical solutions.

**Philosophy** Independent of all special interest groups • Committed to nonviolence in all aspects of its operations • Small and flexible • Meets grant-makers' criteria for professional management with minimum administration • Networking and teamworking but no permanent staff, all are volunteers • Does not accept funds derived from activities related to warfare • Works actively with advisors • Aims at a wider readership than a purely academic audience • Works according to a code of conduct and a series of published principles.



Working for peace...

#### **Programs**

- 1. World images and peace thinking Conflict-mitigation in theory and practise Gandhi's contemporary relevance World order, images and conflict-resolution.
- 2. Conflict Analysis and Conflict-Mitigation Former Yugoslavia Georgia Burundi Iraq.
- 3. Global conflict-management The United Nations The European Union.
- 4. The Learning Conflict Program Teaching and training conflict-understanding, negotiation and reconciliation, particularly younger people.

<u>Network</u> Over 100 associates worldwide - Christians, Jews, Muslims, Gandhians, Buddhists, Quakers and atheists • Gender-balanced, young as well as older. • Leading academics from universities such as Harvard, Princeton, Soka and Thammasat • Retired officers, former UN deputy SGs, activists, philosophers, people of culture and media.

<u>Organisation</u> Created in 1986, we are a global network, not a traditional institute. TFF is a registered private not-for-profit foundation and it is based on voluntary work. It is independent of state, party political and commercial interests.

<u>www.transnational.org</u> is one of the largest on the Internet with 3,000 to 4,000 visits per day and 1200 links to it from other websites. About 20,000 individuals and organisations in more than 60 countries receive TFF analyses and debate articles. Through forwarding we reach an estimated 50,000 people world wide. We practise complete openness about the organisation on our homepage.

**Contributions** People's donations, voluntary labour and research grants.

<u>Partners</u> TFF Associates and their institutions • About 20 via the Internet • In addition, projects, consultancy, task force, training and other co-operation with, among others, the United Nations, the Council of Europe, Jimmy Carter's Centre, State of the World Forum, dozens of local NGOs in war zones, the European Peace University in Austria, IUPIP in Italy, Soka Gakkai in Japan, NATO School Oberammergau, various UN peace-keeping missions and the Toda Institute.

**<u>Board</u>** Christian Hårleman (chair), Hans von Sponeck, Annette Schiffmann, Annabel McGoldrick, Bo Rybeck, Jan Oberg.

Founders: Christina Spännar & Jan Oberg.

# What we actually do



Change!



- Internationally recognised books, among them "Winning Peace" on alternative defence and global ethics.
- Many analyses in academic journals and some forty TFF reports.
- Dialogue research with American, Russian and Scandinavian scholars on economy, ecology and ethics during the Cold War years.
- More than 1000 newspaper articles, book chapters and media interviews, including CNN. 1100 public lectures around the world.
- Conflict-mitigation in ex-Yugoslavia since 1991, 25 reports and books.
- We wrote "Preventing War in Kosovo" already in 1992.
- Mediation between Serbs and Albanians about Kosovo, the only sustained dialogue and an alternative peace plan years before the bombing of Yugoslavia when peace was still an option.
- Conflict analysis in Georgia, including Abkhasia and South Ossetia.
- Alternative peace plans for the Balkans based on more than 3000 interviews.
- Contribution to the United Nations 50th Anniversary Volume
- Participation in several UN-related projects and peace-keeping missions
- The Learning Conflict program teaching peace, conflict-understanding and reconciliation. Given all over the Balkans, in Palestine, various places in Europe.
- Training programs with the UN in Croatia and with the Council of Europe.
- Reconciliation seminars with Croat and Serb youth, media people, young leaders.
- A plan for peace education and reconciliation training for Burundi's Ministry of Education and NGOs.
- Making conflict-analysis and -mitigation in Iraq a priority when few others dared.
- Tasked by the UNHCR to produce a comprehensive conflict risk-assessment for Macedonia.
- An effective presence on the Internet, in Nordic and international media.
- Doing free research and remaining a free voice, non-governmental rather than near-governmental.
- Working with 11 civil society organisations in Burundi to empower, educate and

train citizens in reconciliation and non-violent conflict-resolution as part of the country's peace process.

Going there TFF goes to conflict zones. We make forgotten voices heard. We diagnose conflicts impartially and devise effective and sustainable treatment. We help move divided societies towards respect and reconciliation - through dialogue and education.

Moving the mind TFF moves minds and situations from violence toward peace. There are always alternatives to violence. TFF works for the UN Charter's norm of creating "peace by peaceful means." If you can imagine peace, you can work for it. We need positive images and TFF builds upon them.

Serving as conflict doctors Health requires research, adequate diagnosis of diseases, good surgery and public education. Prevention is better than cure. Peace parallels health. TFF fights the disease called violence where better means are available. We work to prevent violence but not conflicts or differences.

Action!

<u>Telling it</u> We spread the message of peace wherever we can - to leaders, citizens, media and international organisations. Peace can begin with a willing spirit but takes action too.



...moving
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### Said about TFF

• Organisations like TFF can play a useful role - your approach permits direct contacts at all levels.

UNSG Kofi Annan.

• I have read every page of your report. It is an excellent analysis and contains very valuable ideas for conflict-resolution.

Cyrus Vance, former U.S. Secretary of State and UN Envoy in ex-Yugoslavia.

- One of the net's most impressive gateways to progressive analysis and resources. NewsInsider.
- Frank, lively, authoritative, outstanding, academic excellence.

Colonel Gerhard Blaesing, German Army, NATO School SHAPE.

• Impressive in terms of the research going into the projects and the policy-relevant reports.

Jan Eliasson, then UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs.

- An organization which aggressively uses the web. Washington Post.
- We thank you for your efforts to organise consultations between Croats and Serbs. The Croation side attaches a great importance to it. Josip Manolic, then President of House of Regions in Croatia.
- You are indeed connoisseurs. Vladislav Jovanovic, then Yugoslav Minister of Foreign Affairs, later UN
- The ideas of the TFF team are the best suggested and written up to now. Ibrahim Rugova, Kosovo-Albanian leader, then president of LDK, now President in Kosovo.
- *I want to see you whenever you are in Macedonia.* Kiro Gligorov, when President of Macedonia.

ambassador.

• The richness of TFF is its ability to channel strong individual commitments to peace.

Lena Hjelm-Wallén, when Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden.

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More information: info@finn.se

- If you are at a meeting with a TFF associate Make a cash donation there and then.
- If you are can't afford a donation Tell us about one or more people whom you think would be willing to support TFF.
- Tell others everywhere about TFF. That means more peace and more potential donors.
- Other ways to support TFF Contact us to hear what we need.

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