Promoting Peace: Overcoming the Dominance of Negative Peace – Jane Addams’s Peaceweaving

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Background

Expeditionary Mindset

Sweden

Pragmatism/
Public Administration

Expeditionary mindset/
Peacekeeping
Hull House

Ideas emerged from
This experience

Immigrant Community Lab – conflict resolution

Democracy
International Peace Congress of Women at the Hague
April 1915
Nobel Peace Prize
1931

What was her idea Of Peace?
Could it be applied To Peacekeeping?
“Peace Research: Just the Study of War”*

Negative Definition of Peace

Problems with Negative Definition

1. Shifts focus of inquiry from peace to violence.
2. Focuses on a short run end state.
3. Divorced from the dynamics of relationships.
4. Shifts attention away from underlying dynamics or causes of violence.
Positive Peace

• Nonviolent and creative conflict transformation.
• Uneven long run focus.
• The fabric of the kind of society to which we aspire.
• Integrity, wholeness and well-being that arise from justice.
• Humanity toward others.
Addams – Positive Peace
Worked for social justice
Feminine Standpoint
1907

Civic Housekeeping

“Survival of Militarism in City Government”

“Failure to Utilize Immigrants in City Government

“Utilization of Women in City Government”

City as Citadel – soldiers valued

City as Household – ?????
Peace - Courage
1. Relationships

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Feminine sensibility
2. Avoid Rigid Moralisms

Friend/enemy

good/evil

Courage
3. Sympathetic Understanding

How build relationship
4. Community of Inquiry

1. Practical Problems
2. Scientific Attitude
3. Participatory Democracy
5. Lateral Progress
PeaceWeaving

– building the fabric of peace by emphasizing relationships. These positive relationships are built by working on practical problems, engaging people widely with sympathetic understanding while recognizing that progress is measured by the welfare of the vulnerable.

(Shields & Soeters, 2015)