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An Evaluation of the Relationship between Cultural Violence and Religion

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ABSTRACT

Conflict resolution and peacebuilding literature 20th century. Even though it was starting to be studied from the very beginning, the increasing intensity of regional and ethnic conflicts, especially after the Second World War, accelerated the theoretical and practical studies in this field. Different definitions and classifications of conflict and peace have been put forward, and studies have been carried out in the establishment of sustainable peace by going far beyond the classic mission of stopping the conflict. The effort put forth by Johan Galtung, one of the leading names in this field, at the point of positive peace and classification of violence, has pioneered the development of theories applied from international conflicts to the group and interpersonal conflicts. In this context, the problem of this research is to try to explain the relationship between cultural violence and religion. The research discusses the concept of conflict, the conflict resolution process, its relationship with cultural violence and the religious views of cultural violence. The study adopts the quantitative research method. The theories and concepts in the literature regarding the concept discussed were analyzed. The research is essential in terms of showing that the science of religion and international relations can carry out joint studies. There are few specific studies in the English literature on the concept of cultural violence. It should be stated that the study is a pioneering research that conceptualizes the idea of cultural violence and religion in Turkish literature. Thus, it is thought that it will be beneficial to clarify religion as a variable and actor in conflict resolution research.

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