

The Center for Global Nonkilling (CGNK)

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The Center for Global Nonkilling (CGNK) is a nonprofit organization based in Honolulu, Hawaii. The long-term, global mission of CGNK is to eliminate killing in the world by working towards the creation of killing-free societies through discovering and encouraging nonkilling human capabilities; infusing nonkilling principles into education and policy; applying nonkilling knowledge in zones of conflict; developing and supporting nonkilling leaders; assisting institutions/centers working towards nonkilling; and monitoring, synthesizing, and disseminating information about nonkilling. CGNK is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council and regularly participates in various bodies in the UN system. The Center has published dozens of books on violence prevention and nonkilling alternatives and organized academic and practitioner conferences around the world. Over 800 scholars are involved in its Nonkilling Research Committees.

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Joám followed graduate and undergraduate studies in Journalism, Anthropology and Politics (Peace Studies). He served as CGNK Communication (2008-2009) and Research (2009-2011) Team Leader and had previously collaborated with the Strategic Planning Committee formed in 2008 to develop the organization. Edited volumes include *Global Nonkilling Leadership* (2008, with Glenn Paige), *Toward a Nonkilling Paradigm* (2009), *Nonkilling Societies* (2010), *Engineering Nonkilling* (2011), *Nonkilling Psychology* (2012, with Dan Christie), (2012, with Jim Dator), *Nonkilling Security and the State* (2013), *Nonkilling Media* (2013), *Nonkilling Balkans* (2015, with Rifet Bahtijaragić) and *Nonkilling Spiritual Traditions* (2015, with Pradeep Dhakal). He seasonally teaches at the Master's degree programme in Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research, Åbo Akademi University, Vasa (Finland). Before working for CGNK he lectured at the University of Santiago de Compostela and directed the Galizan Institute for International Security and Peace Studies.