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تتعرض المداخلة بإيجاز إلى المسائل النظرية من تعريفات وشروح، من المنظورين الغربي والعربي الإسلامي، ذات الصلة بقضايا الخلاف وتحويل النزاع والديمقراطية وعلاقة غيابها بالنزاع وكذا الانتقال الديمقراطي وأشكاله المتنوعة. وتنتهي المداخلة بتوصيات تخص العالم العربي.

From Conflict to Peace: the Way is the Goal

Contribution of Dr. Abbas Aroua, director of the Cordoba Foundation

The contribution addresses from both Western and Islamic perspectives a number of issues related to conflict and conflict transformation, democracy, the deficit of democracy and its relationship with conflict, the democratic transition and its various forms. The contribution ends with some recommendations pertaining to the Arab world.



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* Johan Galtung. The Way is the Goal. Gandhi Today. Gujarat Vidyapith (1992)

From Conflict to Peace: The Way is the Goal

Overview

- 1— Conflict**
- 2— Conflict Transformation
- 3— Democracy**
- 4— Deficit of democracy / conflict
- 5— Democratic Transition**
- 6— Various types of transitions
- 7— Recommendations for the Arab world**



Western and Islamic Basic Assumptions of Conflict	
Western	Middle Eastern
— Positive	— Negative and dangerous
— Normal	— Should be avoided
— Can bring growth and creativity	— Brings destruction and disorder

Abu-Nimer. *Conflict Resplution in an Islamic Context* (1996)

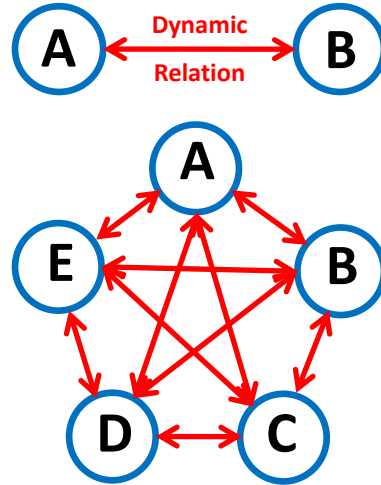
Conflict: Terminology

- **Conflict**: From L. *conflictus*, pp. of *confligere* "to strike together," from *con-* "together" + *fligere* "to strike"
- The Arabic equivalent of **conflict** is not **niza'** (نزاع) or **tanaazu'** (تنازع) but:
- **Tadharub** from from "ta" (together) + "dharub" (to strike) ت + ضارب = تضارب

Conflict: Definition in conflictology

Dynamic relation between two or more parties (**individuals, groups, states, civilizations**) with (apparently) contradictory goals (**positions, interests, needs, values**).

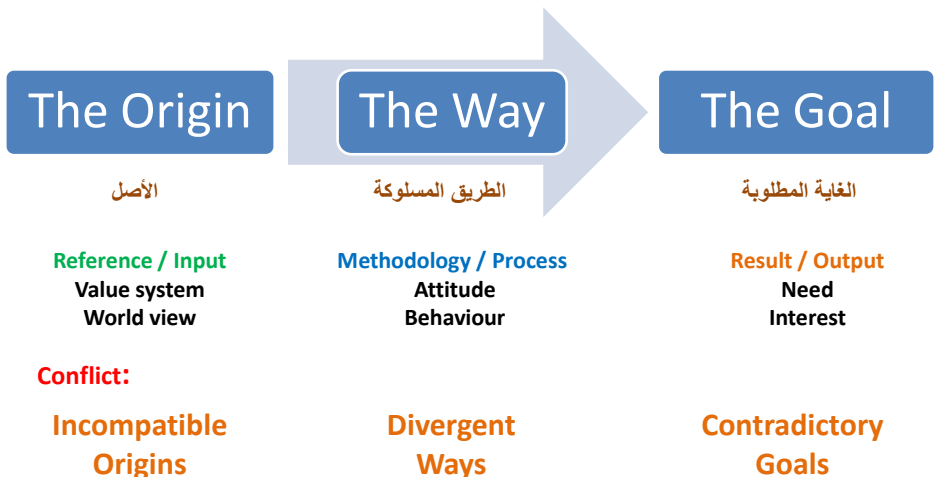
علاقة ديناميكية بين طرفين أو أكثر، أشخاصا كانوا أم جماعات أم دولا أم حضارات لهم أهداف متضاربة أو متناقضة، أو يتوهمون ذلك، وقد تكون هذه الأهداف على مستوى المواقف أو المصالح أو الحاجيات أو القيم.



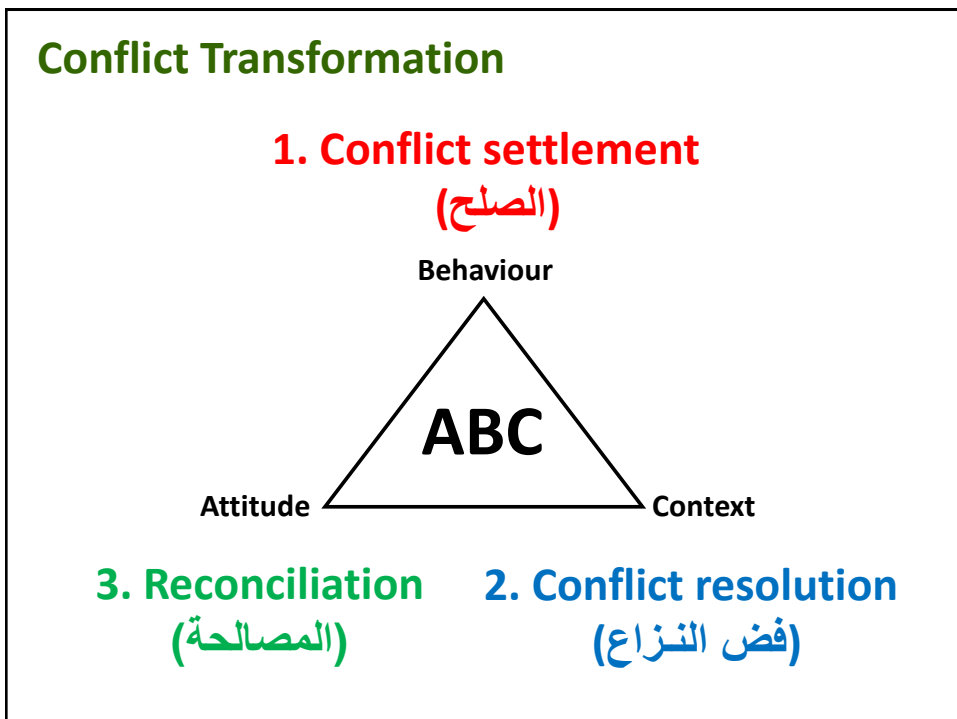
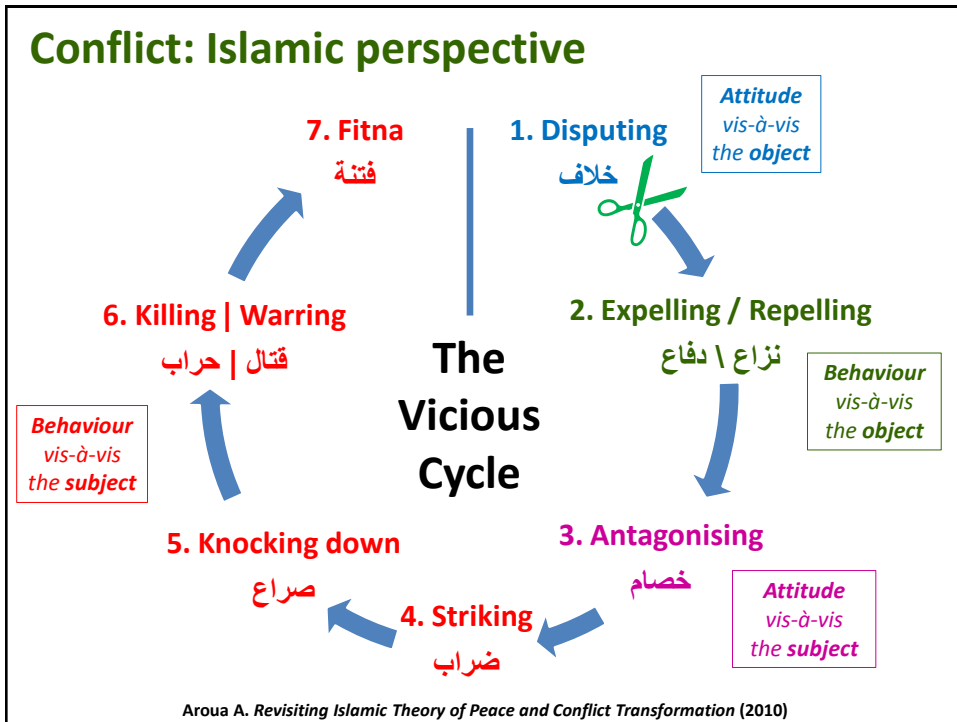
Conflict: Islamic perspective

Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyya (1292-1350)

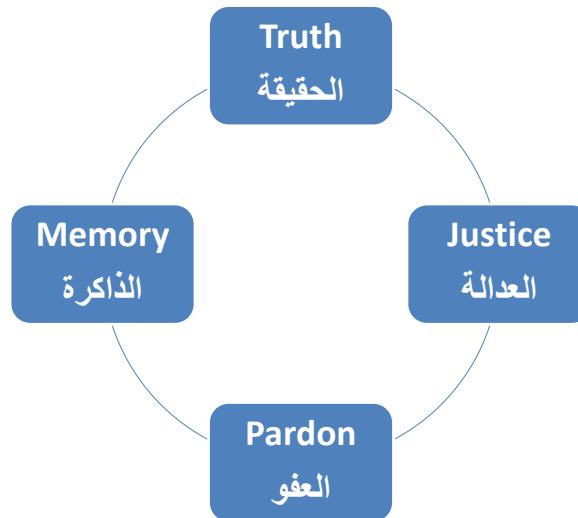
The Unrestricted Thunderbolts — ابن القيم الجوزية، الصواعق المرسلّة



Aroua A. *Revisiting Islamic Theory of Peace and Conflict Transformation* (2010)



Pillars of post-conflict peace



Democracy

≠ Electoralism

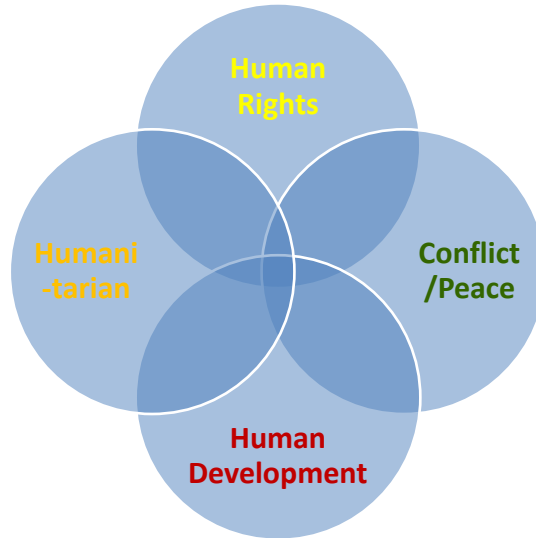
Dogma

- Contestation over power in free and fair elections;
- Accountability of the ruler to the ruled;
- Checks and balances in the exercise of government;
- Neutrality of the armed forces;
- Protection of civil and political liberty and rights of every citizen.

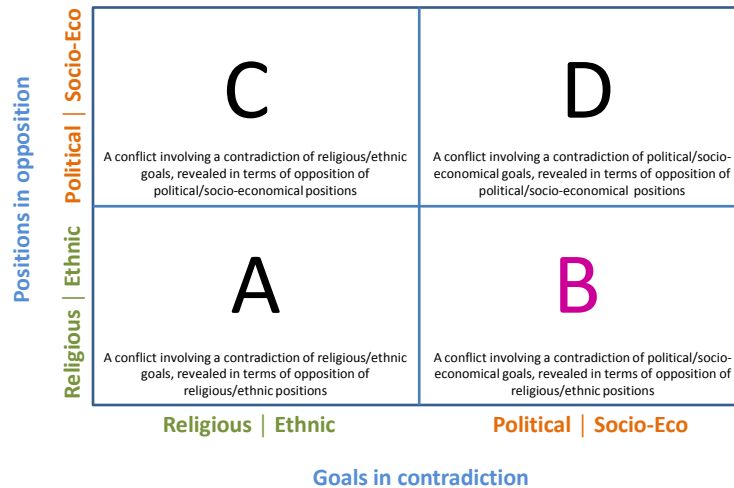
Terry Lynn Karl

Praxis

State Security → Human Security: A paradigm shift



Deficit of democracy → Conflict



Aroua A. Conflicts in/involving the Arab World: Does religion matter? (2009)

Domocratic Transition

**Non-Democratic
Regime:**

Party type

Military type

Personalist type

Brooker P. Non-Democratic Regimes:
Theory, Government and Politics (2000)



democratic
regime

Types of Transitions

Strategies of Transition	Relative Strength of Elite and Mass	
	Elite Ascendant (Top-Down)	Mass Ascendant (Bottom-Up)
Force	Imposition	Revolution
Compromise	Pact	Reform

Karl TL. *Dilemmas of Democratization in Latin America* (1990)

Types of Transitions

Way	Actor		
	State	Opposition	External
High Violence	Military Coups	Armed Resistance	Military Intervention
Non Violence	Hand Over	Civil Resistance	Soft Persuasion

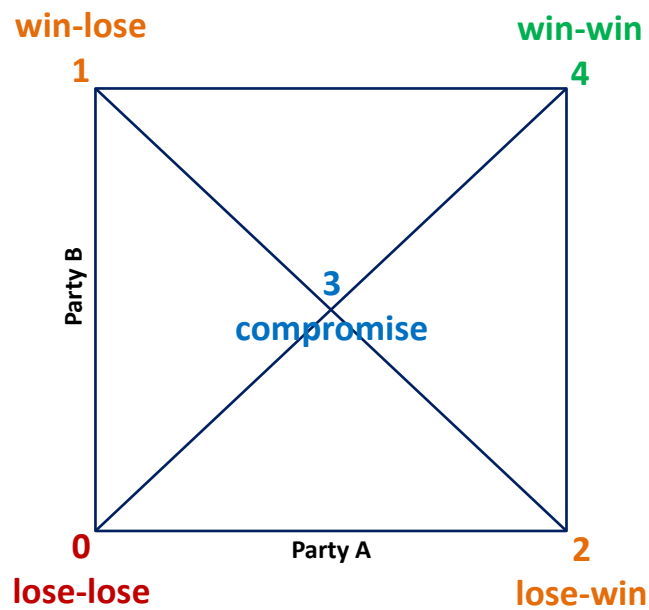
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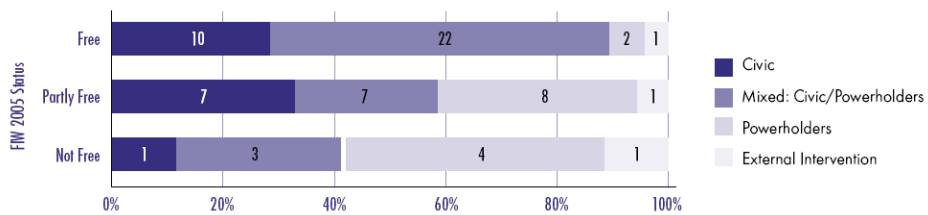
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Examples of Best and Worst Scenarios

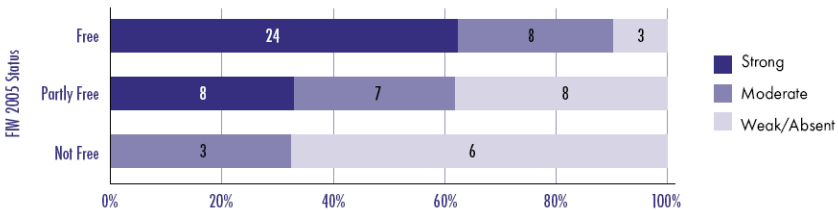
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Civic Forces are Major Drivers of Transitions to Freedom



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Karatnycky A. and Ackerman P. *How Freedom is won* (2005)

Recommendations for the Arab World



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