

"In Dubio Pro Galtung – Missing Points in this Galtung-Debate" By Liselotte Splmeir

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at a seminar at Netanya Academic College (Israel) on Peace Journalism and media coverage of war. Johan Galtung is a pioneer of peace and conflict research – see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johan_Galtung – a man to be admired (Photo credit: [Wikipedia](#))

The following is a reconstruction of the context and substance of that lecture which has systematically been omitted by the three journalists (Mr. Faerseth, Mr. Soderlind, Mr. Adaret) who started this WPA fiasco.

The past body of work of these three journalists exhibits much knowledge of medieval history, occult satanic practices, U.S and European right wing conspiracy theories and Eastern-European Jewish history but unsurprisingly little knowledge about nonviolence, international relations or geopolitics. Their interpretative bias becomes more understandable if not self-explanatory.

Be that as it may, the core accusations are false and indicative of a troubling lack of journalistic prudence. Independent research and source validation has been rather weak if not absent on their side. As the 1000+ people who attended that lecture can easily testify, the subject matter of that lecture was Breivik, his compendium, his idiosyncrasies, his political philosophy and Norwegian society's options in coming to grips with Breivik's gruesome act of violence.

Here is an executive summary of what follows:

First of all, [Prof. Galtung](#) never blamed Jewish people for the Shoa. He never did & never will! Find out for yourself in the elaborated points below.

Secondly, Prof. Galtung never recommended or promoted the protocols. Never did & never will! Find out for yourself in the elaborated points below.

Thirdly, during [WWII](#), Prof. Galtung's father was imprisoned in the Norwegian concentration camp "GRINI" because indeed Galtung's entire family (parents and siblings) were involved in the organized resistance against Quisling's support for the Nazi invasion. 13 year old Galtung was a

runner tasked with transporting tactical messages from one resistance-cell to the other. To call him a Nazi is utterly uninformed – and that is putting it politely. Yes: Norway was full of anti-Semitic collaborators, but specifically Galtung’s family was too involved with the resistance against the vicious Nazi occupation for “Humanist”, Ha’aretz et al. to ignore this rather important detail. They have produced very shallow journalism indeed.

One would think that a discerning journalist would see the biographical link between the trauma of suffering Hitler’s brutality and the conclusive drive to create a new academic discipline called “[Peace and Conflict Studies](#)” inspired by Gandhi. Indeed Prof. Galtung’s main concern as an academic has been and remains sociological research in order to prevent the eruption of all forms of direct violence including massive category killings such as genocides. This purpose of his work has been known since he founded the academic discipline of Peace Studies in the year 1957, at the age of 27, just 12 years after the end of WWII. With over 500 institutes for peace and conflict studies operative in the world right now, this point about Galtung’s biography should be known and clear enough for people to refrain from associating him with [Nazis](#) and [anti-Semites](#).

With these basic points clarified, the following can be read as a respectful and substantiated response to the emotional emails, numerous death threats and invectives directed at Prof. Galtung in the wake of Faereth’s and Soderlind’s vilification campaign. As mentioned earlier, the subject of the lecture was Breivik’s idiosyncrasies and Breivik’s political philosophy and was about ways to overcome the aftermath of his violent act. You can find Prof. Galtung’s final position on Breivik here:

1: Breivik a victim of collective psychosis: <http://www.transcend.org/tms/2012/06/breivik-a-victim-of-collective-psychosis-i/>

2: Breivik Living in the historical present: <http://www.transcend.org/tms/2012/06/breivik-living-in-the-historical-present-part-ii/>

3: Breivik a part of norwegian reality: <http://www.transcend.org/tms/2012/07/breivik-a-part-of-norwegian-reality-part-iii/>

Now the 5 core points made by Prof. Galtung during that lecture:

1: Prof. Galtung asked how come that the Norwegian secret police PST – in line with a request initially filed by the CIA – , put him, a fundamental opponent of violence and an internationally known public proponent of Ghandian Constructive Nonviolence known for his staunch criticism of both western-capitalism and soviet-socialism (both capable of destroying planet earth several times over) on a watch-list for 30 years straight, but totally failed to put a murderer and racist like Breivik under surveillance. After all Breivik is a man with a mind clearly in favour of brutal violence as a [politically legitimate](#) means which is precisely what Prof. Galtung has opposed all his life. Anyway, Prof. Galtung went on to ask whether the PST would be willing to investigate its own ranks and its own methods considering the fatal failure to predict the mass murder committed by Breivik. Prof. Galtung also pointed out that the security-branch in Norway (and Germany for that matter) is stupefyingly blind on the right eye and fantastically imaginative on the left eye. With the weird German NSU case becoming more and more obnoxious, wouldn’t one think that there may be something to this point raised by Prof. Galtung?

2: At the time of the massacre, the Herald Tribune mused that it was a bunch of Islamists behind the attacks in Oslo and Utoya. This was before anything empirical was known. Prof. Galtung pointed out, that his intuition-inclination at that early stage was that this may be blowback from Afghanistan

or Libya where Norway was involved in illegitimate and spurious [NATO](#) operations incessantly and illegitimately killing Muslims by the thousands. And he made a point which has been very unpopular in Norway: "Could it be that Afghans and Libyans dislike NATO bombings and NATO snipers just as much as we Norwegians dislike Breivik's bombing of our politicians and shooting at our kids?" His point being that Breivik at the societal level and NATO at the state level pursued political aims through the administration of massive and lethal violence bypassing deliberative and democratic procedures. In fact Prof. Galtung has been of the opinion for at least 60 years now, that democracies should apply the same humanistic standards in their foreign policy that they abide to when dealing with their constituents. Interestingly, neither Faerseth, nor Soderlind nor Adaret picked up any of this.

3: The masonic lodge of Oslo only suspended Breivik's membership after the [Utoya massacre](#). Stante pede, but noticeably post factum. Prof. Galtung, with the Bologna P2 lodge and the assassination of 85 people & 200 injured bystanders by 2 neo-fascists in 1980 at the back of his mind, asked: How do we know that the secrecy-oath in effect in masonic orders will not hamper a badly needed thorough police inquiry? The key precedent here being a certain Italian masonic lodge member named [Licio Gelli](#), officially sentenced by a court of law for nothing less than "the diversion of the Bologna-police investigation" on the bombings.

4: With regards to Breivik's masonic-templar obsession, more can be found in his compendium 2083 where Breivik makes quite a number of reverential statements towards the hardline zionist sections of the Israeli society and swears loyalty and all sorts of allegiances to some obscure judeo-christian cause and other things of that nature. Prof. Galtung never speculated about esoteric rites or conspiratorial designs of freemasons or any of these widely popular guesstimations for the simple reason that he is absolutely not into that kind of stuff. Contrary to what John Faerseth, himself a fellow with a dubious reputation regarding the occult, claimed in his defamatory articles. But Prof. Galtung did point out that Freemasons revere a guy named Hiram Abiff, the architect of the temple of Solomon – which is why the masons use Hebrew letters in their insignia -. Prof. Galtung made it very clear, that there is an obvious coherence in Breivik's membership with the Freemasons and his profound attachment to Jerusalem. In Breivik's own writings, ultra-zionists are the protectors of Jerusalem. Breivik sees the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as the battle for Jerusalem. The hardline zionists in Breivik's worldview are the most valiant protectors of a declining white-skinned European race of genetically, culturally, morally, intellectually superior humans of blond blue-eyed Christian hue, that are intrinsically fond of individual freedoms and of liberty whereas Muslims, in his twisted dystopian view, are the degenerate embodiment of an expansive collectivist, retrograde, sexist tyranny in the making. That Prof. Galtung, a hyperpolyglott and incarnate polyculturalist himself would strongly disagree with any of this is clear. In Galtung's opinion, all humans are created equal and deserve to be respected as humans regardless of their phenotype, creed and origin. His principle in this regard is the old: Homo Homini Sacra Res. How anti-Semitism would fit into this, remains for the authors mentioned to explain.

5: Dr. Ola Tunander, a Swedish transatlantic security specialist currently working for PRIO, had raised the point earlier on in the on-going Norwegian public deliberations, that Breivik's onslaught against the Norwegian establishment and against the progeny of the Labour party may possibly have had some degree of Mossad involvement in some way form or fashion. This most certainly is not Prof. Galtung's point but Dr. Ola Tunander's. The point Dr. Ola Tunander was trying to explain was that it may have been a possible Mossad act in order to discourage the Norwegian establishment from going ahead with its acceptance of the Palestinian bid for sovereignty at the UN scheduled for the month of September. That Dr. Tunander's position was not a truth-claim but a hypothesis which was being put forward and circulated particularly by right wing Norwegian neofascists in order to draw a clear distinction between them and the "new-school" neo-fascist Breivik, hasn't helped

Tunander much. Dr. Tunander himself has been heavily lambasted in Norwegian and Jewish media for this publication and has effectively been branded an anti-Semite since. Be it as it may, Dr. Tunander had raised the question in a scholarly paper published around the time Prof. Galtung was in Norway. Click here: <http://www.document.no/2011/12/norwegian-peace-researcher-israel-behind-breivik/> and here <http://www.idunn.no/ts/nnt/2011/04/art10> . Prof. Galtung read it, and drew attention to the point made by Dr. Tunander during his 1000+ lecture. Prof. Galtung then added that he would like to see what light the authoritative final police report would shed on this particular israel-mossad-hypothesis first put forward not by Prof. Galtung but by Dr. Ola Tunander. In his final statement on this issue published on the 16th of July 2012 (NB: 9 months after Tunander's hypothesis) Prof. Galtung writes: "Breivik's narrative seems to confirm that he was acting alone; other hypotheses (islamists, Mossad were pulling strings, etc.) can be discarded."

What do the protocols have to do with all of this?

FIRST: During the Q&A at that very lecture, someone got up and referred to point 3 and point 4 elaborated above and interjected angrily that Prof. Galtung sounded like he was talking about the Protocols.

SECOND: In his answer to this question, Prof. Galtung who was there to talk about the content of Breivik's compendium titled 2083 in particular and about the Breivik case in general, far from recommending the protocols, expressed irritation at the idiocy of that interjection and publicly wondered how many of those who were likely to suggest such a thing actually knew what was written in that document. Prof. Galtung went on to make the general observation, that one should not talk about something that one has no knowledge about and that one should know what is in such a paper before talking about it. This is widely known as Kant's Sapere Aude. Prof. Galtung never promoted or trivialized the protocols and never would. Faersth, Soderlind and Adaret are of a different opinion and want the world to think so.

THIRD: In an official response to questions from the otherwise highly respectable israeli Ha'aretz, Prof. Galtung wrote to Ofer Adaret that the Protocols were "HATE LITERATURE". The original responses Prof. Galtung sent to Mr. Adaret are on the internet and freely available to all here: http://issuu.com/transcend/docs/galtung_haaretz_comparison/1 As anyone can see, Ofer Adaret, the author of that libellous piece of journalism published in Ha'aretz twisted and flipped Prof. Galtung's statements in a way which would make him appear "anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic". Prof. Galtung utterly rejects both of these libellous labels.

FOURTH: Having read that document himself, Prof. "Galtung fully recognizes that the "Protocols", as revealed in 1921, are a sickening falsification, probably fabricated by the Russian Secret Police, to justify the pogroms. But he does not know precisely who was the author, a point prominently echoed by Umberto Eco for his masterful "The Prague Cemetery" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oORuxodR59w>). Prof. Galtung is fully aware that they represent a very sensitive issue that brings up all the sufferings of the Jewish people. This trauma notwithstanding, it is important that people know of those aspects of the content, which deal mainly with the use of debt bondage as power: (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-perkins/economic-chaos-loans-gree_b_901949.html). The major actors that currently apply debt bondage are China, Japan and the EU relative to the US, Germany relative to peripheral countries in Europe, like Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Ireland (GIPSI) and the World Bank relative to the World; for a horrifying example, see John Perkins (2004) "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man".: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTbdnNgqfs8>

That people of Jewish belief and Judaism have nothing to do with any of this goes without saying." This quote is taken from the official statement issued by TRANSCEND International on the issue.

CONCLUSION:

a: You will find the official statement by Prof. Galtung sent out to the world on this entire issue here:

<http://www.transcend.org/galtung/statement-may-2012/>

b: You will find Prof. Galtung's direct response to the false label of anti-Semitism here:

Rational Conflict Resolution what stands in the way*:

VIDEO: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylHgwU3zqsQ>

Editorial:

<https://www.transcend.org/tms/2012/05/rational-conflict-resolution-what-stands-in-the-way/>

Note this passage:* "Some recent statements of mine, quoted out of context, have hurt some feelings. I apologize most sincerely for that, it was entirely unintended. One such context was the Breivik case in Norway with its many ramifications. A deeper context are the six conflicts addressed in this presentation."

If anything at all, Prof. Galtung has been staunchly anti-misanthropic and has been known as such for 70 years – remember he was actively involved in underground resistance against NAZI occupation at the age of 13. It is important to look up his body of work before resorting to accusations of the kind being repeated in some of the press without the necessary prior research. In fact, just a few years earlier in 2007 Ha'aretz published exactly what Galtung stands for: <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/features/ingredients-for-a-true-peace-process-1.229229>