"Difficult Conversations in an Era of Trump" w/ Dr. Ted. Johnson
February 23, 2018

3 EVENTS in ONE DAY with Dr. Ted Johnson!

February 23rd

- **Lunch Talk**: 1:00-1:45pm, VART 204 | All Faculty & Staff Invited
- **Q+A**: 2:00-3:00 pm, VART 216 | All Faculty & Staff Invited
- **Faculty Workshop**: 4:00-5:30 pm, Wold 010 | Faculty Sign-Up/RSVP: [https://tinyurl.com/tedjohnson](https://tinyurl.com/tedjohnson)

**Speaker**: Dr. Ted Johnson is an Associate Professor of the Practice in the Masters Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, and a Practicum Advisor for COEX and SIDCO students at Brandeis University. Prior to his appointment in 2006, he was a Senior Program Manager and Legal Advisor to Conflict Management Group and Mercy Corps in Cambridge MA. During that time, he worked extensively as an International Negotiation and Training Consultant for governments, corporations and international organizations. He has worked in post-apartheid South Africa, in Cyprus with Greek and Turkish Cypriots towards bi-communal coexistence, with universities and political leaders in Northern and South Central Iraq to develop joint problem-solving skills and strategies. He has been an advisor to several UN Agencies including WHO, FAO, UNCTAD, and Codex Alimantarius?the UN international food safety organization. Prior to his international work, he was a Deputy District Attorney and Judge Pro Tem in Orange County California. He is a member of the California and American Bar Associations, and the American Society of International Law. He received a Juris Doctorate from Western State University in 1972, a Masters in International Law and Diplomacy (MALD) in 1993 from Tufts University, and a Ph.D. in International Relations from Tufts University's Fletcher School in 2009.

1) Lunch Talk with Dr. Ted Johnson:

**Description**: Difficult conversations make us feel uncomfortable, and in the classroom, can stoke the emotional fires to the point that we feel learning isn't happening. It often feels easier to shut them down. With skillful facilitation, difficult conversations can be turned into learning
conversations, and in an era of Trump, promoting critical thinking might best be done by getting comfortable with feeling uncomfortable.

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Food Provided!
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VART 204

2) Q + A with Ted Johnson

Description: Immediately following the lunch talk, join Dr. Johnson for an informal sit down discussion and Q+A session.

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February 23 | 2:00-3:00pm
VART 216

3) Faculty Workshop facilitated by Dr. Ted Johnson: Shifting Difficult Conversations to Learning Conversations in Your Classroom:

Description: In the afternoon, faculty are invited to join Dr. Johnson for a workshop to practice facilitating learning conversations. You?ll learn how to shift a difficult conversation into a learning conversation, as well as support the development of your internal ?barometer? about which conversations should be turned into learning conversations and which ones should be discouraged. Please RSVP below by February 16th.

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Wold 010
Faculty: For more information + to sign up/RSVP, go to by Feb. 16: https://tinyurl.com/tedjohnson [2]

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