Having Difficult Conversations in an Era of Trump

WITH DR. TED JOHNSON

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.

More About Dr. Johnson:

Dr. 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 Alimentarius—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.

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Lunch Talk
All Faculty & Staff Invited
Food Provided!
1:00-1:45pm
VART 204

Q&A with Ted Johnson
All Faculty & Staff Invited
2:00–3:00pm
VART 216

Faculty Workshop
4:00–5:30pm
Wold 010

For more information & to sign up/RSPV
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