

# PEACE IN THE AGE OF *CHAOS*

## ENDORSEMENTS

*This book is a treasure chest for anybody who tries to find answers to some of the most important questions in our life. The book is engaging and thought-provoking. Trying to understand the meaning of peace and finding pathways forward is today more important than ever. I wish that all those who exercise power were to read this book and reflect on it. The world would be a better place and we would be able to solve problems rather than create them.*

**GEORG KELL**, FOUNDER AND FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT

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*I downloaded Peace in the Age of Chaos to my e-reader and didn't get any sleep until I sadly came to the end. I will promote this book as far as possible in our district and beyond. I have given many classes and led protestations in 2001 to stop the absurdity of war. I was also a 'peacenik' in the 60s and completely understand others challenge to very word 'peace'. I am inspired by the moving of focus to promoting peace, and the renewed energy into the concept, rather than just preventing war. 'We need to embrace a new philosophical landscape, one that gives humanity meaning,' Steve writes in the book. I, now, more than before, believe I grasp a much deeper meaning and value of Positive Peace. I truly thank Steve for writing this book.*

**JIM HALDERMAN**, PDG; ROTARY PEACE ACTIVATOR

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*Steve Killelea is my hero because he has made it his business to focus international attention on what peace actually means. He gets across to policymakers and the press like no-one else. One of the key insights in this invaluable book is the combination of systems thinking with Positive Peace (which he has measured) to provide a factual, practical framework for action.*

**SCILLA ELSWORTHY**, AUTHOR, PEACE BUILDER AND FOUNDER OF OXFORD RESEARCH GROUP AND PEACE DIRECT

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*I now have a much a better understanding of peace, all of its benefits and how it allows us to deal with the many pressing challenges we face. This is the book we need in 2020!*

**GIULIA ALIVERTI**, AMAZON REVIEW, UK

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*I have just finished reading your excellent book from beginning to end and it is a really important piece of work. I am very impressed with what you have achieved, and I entirely agree with the approach that you have taken. The book and the ideas in it are both inspirational and foundational. You demonstrate an infectious passion for humanity and the world we live in, a developed understanding of how individuals and societies function and a clear direction of travel to a better and more sustainable future.*

**LORD ALDERDICE**, SPEAKER OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY 1998–2004, LEADER OF THE ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND 1987–1998, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS SINCE 1996

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*The work of the Institute for Economics and Peace and its flagship publications, most notably the Global Peace Index, the Positive Peace Reports, and the Global Terrorism Index, is now acknowledged worldwide amongst academics, practitioners and policy makers as the gold standard for measuring and analysing peace. This book tells the remarkable and inspirational story of the man whose vision and genius for innovation created this shift in peace thinking and practice. Standing in the great tradition of entrepreneurs who have committed their energy and resources to world peace, Killelea has reactivated the idea of positive peace and provided a robust and context sensitive methodology through which it can be defined, cultivated and implemented.*

**EMERITUS PROFESSOR TOM WOODHOUSE**, PEACE STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD

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*Over fifteen years, I have watched Steve Killelea's global reputation as an expert on peace grow along with that of his Institute for Economics and Peace. In this excellent book, he invites the reader to join him on a personal journey of learning about how to understand peace as more than the absence of conflict. The result is compelling advocacy for Positive Peace. Convincingly he unveils the data proving that Positive Peace is associated with many social characteristics that are considered desirable, including stronger economic outcomes, higher resilience, better measures of well-being, higher levels of inclusiveness and more sustainable environmental performance; in other words, an optimal environment in which human potential can flourish. His research, data analysis and recommendations merit attention and should give policy makers food for thought in wake of the Coronavirus pandemic.*

**LORD BROWNE OF LADYTON**, CHAIR OF THE EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP NETWORK, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS SINCE 2010

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*This book should be mandatory reading for all politicians, judicial leaders, senior government and health officials, and police and military officers who have prime responsibility to protect their fellow citizens from conflicts, pandemics, injustice, and natural and man-made disasters. The book should be actively embraced and promoted by all religious, business and community leaders, and it should be read by school children and those undergoing tertiary education so that they can better inform their elders. Why? Because in 12 chapters Steve Killelea charts the current state of world peace – and lack of it – and through the IEP's factual and unbiased measurement and economic analysis using 'systems thinking' provides a sensible and achievable roadmap for achieving Positive Peace in a chaotic and dangerous world.*

*Readers will find Peace in the Age of Chaos captivating on two dimensions, although these are not overtly stated by the author. The first dimension relates to the meaning of Peace and the state of global peace by country, as captured in the IEPs flagship annual Global Peace Index, Global Terrorism Index and Sustainable Development Goal 16+ Report, and supported by a host of IEP occasional papers on specific issues relevant to peace (such as the impact of COVID-19). But the other and more illuminating dimension is the story of Killelea's personal journey and realisation that Peace is humanity's most important value. His relentless life quest not only to better understand Peace but to demonstrate leadership and commitment in devising an achievable roadmap to achieve Positive Peace is both inspiring and understated. Steve Killelea is modest and humble about what he has achieved, but he is unlikely to rest until others follow his call. Through his actions and his family's philanthropy Steve will eventually leave this world in better shape, having influenced many along the way. No higher tribute can be given!*

**MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL SMITH (RTD)**, FOUNDING DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN CIVIL-MILITARY CENTRE, DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION IN EAST TIMOR

*This book is by brilliant Australian entrepreneur, Steve Killelea, who believes that when you are in business you must be able to measure what matters. Steve's book is his account of how he went about learning to measure peace in the world on a country-by-country basis with the support of the Economist Intelligence Unit in Washington. They formed the Global Peace Index, which has been published every year since 2007. It is a fascinating, true story and well worth reading.*

**PERA WELLS**, FORMER AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

*I thought I'd get through Peace in the Age of Chaos in a matter of hours. Instead, this 272-page book authored by Steve Killelea took me days. I just had to slow down because it was so interesting, not only because Steve recounts his own experience which, in itself, is fascinating, but because I needed the time to absorb all the new ideas. Amazing ideas that you rarely if ever come across elsewhere. Because this book is a game-changer. When you finish the last page and close his book, you'll never think of peace in the same way again.*

**CLAUDE FORTHOMME**, WRITER, ECONOMIST AND SENIOR EDITOR AT IMPAKTER

