

Editorial

Welcome to another regular issue of *Integral Review*, which launches our ninth year of publishing new thought, research, and praxis. In the coming months we will roll out an upgrade for IR's website, with new features and a new look. We look forward to this upgrade serving readers' interests better with an increase in functionality!

This current issue is comprised of three substantive-length academic articles that are joined by two reviews and an essay. Prominent characteristics of these contributions include the careful deployment of integral and adult development insights in meaningful applications to academic and social analyses as well as research, along with the persistent attention to the vital role of multiple perspectives weaving through all contributions. And finally, each contributor offers distinctive frameworks we believe a wide spectrum of readers may find useful in their thought, research, and praxis.

Henry Lebovic analyzes the work of prominent peace scholar-practitioners John Burton and John Paul Lederach in his master's degree thesis, *Towards a Coherent Unity of Perspectives on Peace: Burton, Lederach and the Philosophy of Ken Wilber*. He investigates how the integral model and Spiral Dynamics serve analyses of the causes and sources of conflict, and the limitations to date of peace theory and practice. In light of that analysis and in reviewing the small body of "integrally-aware" peace scholarship, he suggests how integral theory might emerge as an important tool for analyzing and shaping future peacebuilding initiatives, and demonstrates the value of developmental analysis of scholarship and practice.

In *The Spectrum of Responses to Complex Societal Issues: Reflections on Seven Years of Empirical Inquiry*, Thomas Jordan, Pia Andersson, and Helena Ringnér synthesize learnings from their work in nine empirical studies to offer practical insights and cautions about individual and group capacities for managing complex issues. Analyzing the variability in performances, they offer a preliminary typology of functions—of facilitators and of groups—that may need to be scaffolded for methods to accomplish intended objectives. In reporting on their learning about individual societal change agency, they offer a typology of four types of societal entrepreneurship and a detailed discussion of the properties of dialectical meaning-making in societal change agency.

Elizabeth Ann ("Annie") Wilson Whetmore employs a developmental integral lens to analyze changes in marriage laws and related cultural norms and values in the United States across the last several decades. In *The Dynamics of Marriage Law and Custom in the United States* she builds her analysis of worldview shifts via her own typology of specific domains (which she calls "lines of development") to explain how she correlates traditional, modern, and postmodern worldviews with shifts in law and custom. Her discussion considers the implications of these shifts for ongoing change to US marriage law and custom, and specifically for marriage, sex, pregnancy, and stresses for women.

Michael Schwartz reviews *Integral Sustainable Design: Transformative Perspectives*, edited by Mark DeKay with Susanne Bennett, which he asserts is "the single most important book on



architecture I have ever read.” He recommends the book not only as manual to guide the field of sustainable design, but also well beyond design to “all manner of integralists and meta-theorists.” Notably, judging from his own experience, he suggests the book for general readers because it may “profoundly change one’s day to day experience of the built environments in which we dwell.”

When Thomas Jordan discovered Verna DeLauer’s *The Mental Demands of Marine Ecosystem-Based Management: A Constructive Developmental Lens*, he felt convinced her methods and insights would benefit a wide audience. His review of her dissertation explains why he asserts it as “a very important contribution to our understanding of the preconditions for developing our societies’ capacities for managing complex issues.”

The foregoing contributions shed light on a range of interests, and the final essay by Swasti Vardhan Mishra sheds a light on India’s experience when the lights and power went out in its 2012 blackout. In *The Great Indian Blackout and Elements of Positivity*, he offers a perspective from his lived experience of the event and his observations of positive effects on at least some Indians’ unity, cohesiveness, and equality. His positive orientation is extended to considering how the event’s circumstances and effects may actually be good news about India’s economic and political development, in contrast to critics’ stances. He illuminates how the light of positivity can enable new ways of seeing when we think we’re in the dark.

As always, we hope you enjoy the richness offered by this issue’s diverse contributors, and find ways to benefit from and use their insights, analyses, typologies, and passion for developing our capacities and perspectives to serve our complex world!



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