



Rethinking Peace, Conflict and Governance

Local to Global - Nonkilling and Maximising Pacifism

Love and Honour - Marriage for Peace
New Country

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Romance Tragedy in India and Nepal

- *The Local issue of Romance Tragedy in India and Nepal is contrasted here with*
- *The Global issue of New Country for refugees*
- *Asking for both, the question, 'Where to from here?'*

Romance tragedy of '*Romeo and Juliet Style*'

India and Nepal 1993-2013

1993

A local issue goes national and global.



Honour killing of eloping couples

- *In 1993 the killing of eloping couples by family and villagers began to be reported in the Indian National and the Global Press*
- *Reports increased in the following years and a national social response lead to criminal action being taken against perpetrators and village leaders*

OXFORD

Contentious Marriages, Eloping Couples



Gender, Caste, and Patriarchy in Northern India



PREM CHOWDHRY

Dilawar Chetsingh



Indian Cultural Liaison

- *Prem Chowdhry has given us an authentic account of the social situation in Northern India in her book, 'Contentious Marriages and Eloping Couples'.*
- *Dilawar Chetsingh in Delhi collected and posted to the writer newspaper reportings from the daily papers of these incidents, similar to the one in the next slide.....*

Mob attacks same-gotra couple, husband killed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Patna: An 18-year age gap and being from the same gotra were among the reasons floating around for the barbaric attack on a newly-wed couple in broad daylight at the Keshav Rai Ghat temple here. While Shailendra Mishra, 42, resident of Maida Toli, died on the spot, his young bride, 24-year-old Pushpanjali is battling for life at PMCH hospital here.

In an ordeal that lasted for three hours, the couple were brutally clubbed with sticks and stones. None of the onlookers gathered enough guts to intervene. The couple paid this difficult price for getting married against the wishes of their parents and community.

After eloping on January 12, the two had just returned to Shailendra's home in Maida Toli, when his brother, who was not

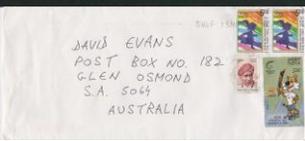
in favour of their match, informed the girl's father, Umesh Mishra.

Umesh, a resident of Keshav Rai Ghat lane, under Khaje Kala Police Station in Patna City came to the boy's place along with his sons and around 30 other persons.

After an altercation, the couple was dragged to the Keshav Rai Ghat Temple where they were beaten with sticks and stones. Shailendra died on the spot, while Pushpanjali was badly injured. The girl's father and 10 other persons have been taken into custody and a case has been registered.

The couple reportedly had a registered marriage in Hajipur before they came back to seek the blessing of their parents. "Umesh and his family were shocked that Shailendra had betrayed their trust. He was in fact looking for grooms for Pushpanjali," said a neighbour.

**BRUTAL
BIHAR**



Pushpanjali and Shailendra Mishra

- *Pushpanjali and Shailendra Mishra eloped, married and returned home seeking family blessing.*
- *They were killed by family and other villagers.*

National Press Reports 1993 - 2013

2013 (Jan–May)	4
2012	37
2011	3
2010	5
2009	1
2008	4
2007	3
2006	2
(1993-2005)	6

National Press Reports

- *First Indian National Press Reports were in 1993*
- *Press Reportings continued to increase - peaking in 2012*



Reality

Gudiya and Mahesh Singh

http://www.telegraphindia.com/1070206/asp/opinion/story_7345603.asp >

Filmmaking

Khap is a 2011 Hindi film



Gudiya and Mahesh Singh



Khap

Reality and Film Making

- *Bodies of killed lovers were left on the streets by the family to show that honour had been restored.*
- *The film Khap based on the Manoj-Babli honour killing case of 2007 was at first forbidden to be shown in local cinemas.*

Elder, Mr Singh.



June 2009.

Village Panchayat Edict - Divorce or die

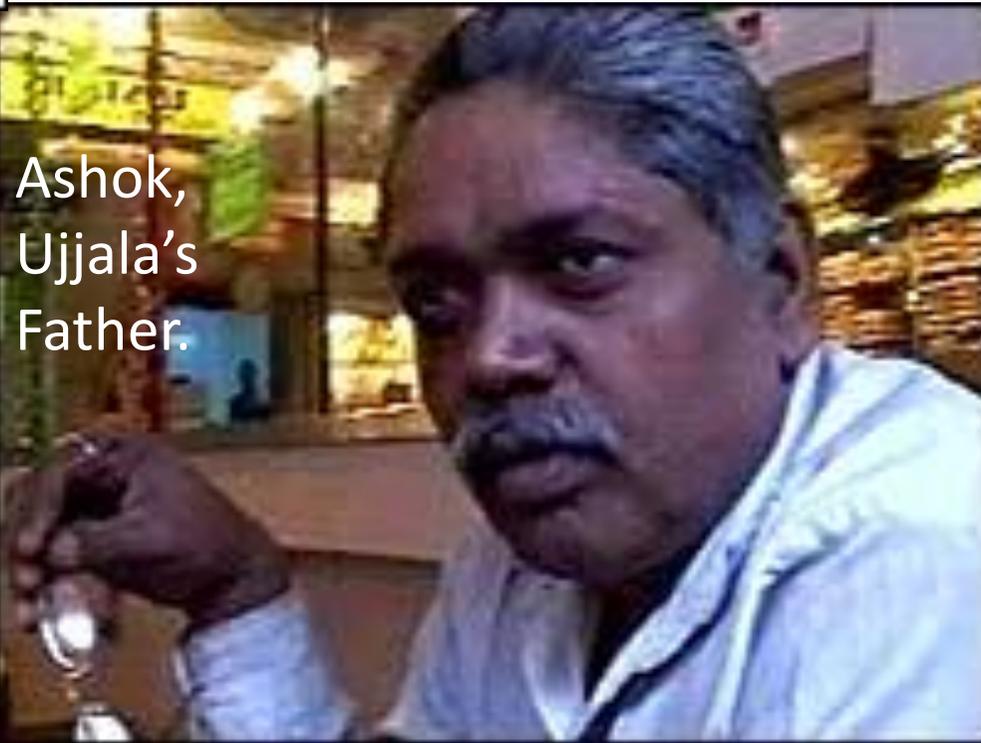
Amreen and Lokesh chose suicide

It's very sad what happened, but what can you expect? The pressure on their families was enormous. They were being disgraced and dishonoured.'

BBC News 2009, *India's Romeo and Juliet tragedy*, BBC News, viewed 12 September 2012, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8109805.stm>

***'Family social disaster
but we won't become violent'***

BBC News 2004, *Modern love versus old taboo*.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/this_world/3732343.stm



Ashok,
Ujjala's
Father.

Village Elders and Family

- When the Village Panchayat gave their Edict - Divorce or die - Amreen and Lokesh chose suicide. The Elder, Mr Singh, 'said It's very sad what happened, but what can you expect? The pressure on their families was enormous. They were being disgraced and dishonoured.'*
- Ujalla's parents tried for 10 years to prevent their daughter from marrying a Muslim. Ashok, Ujalla's father said, 'it is a Family social disaster but we won't become violent'.*

Mamata
and
Prateek
With
Topsy
Evans

Nepal
Gospel in a nutshell

Village violence
Elopement
Banishment
Reconciliation
Full acceptance



THE KATHMANDU POST

Nepal - Gospel in a Nutshell

- *Whilst working in Nepal the writer noted three contrasting happenings indicating a 'Gospel in a Nutshell' social progression.*
- *First, a reporting of village violence where the the whole lower caste community was expelled from the village and their land and property confiscated because of an inter-caste marriage.*
- *Second, a story of elopement and reconciliation after two years following the birth of a son.*
- *Third, full acceptance evidence by an inter-caste wedding celebrated publicly and reported in The Kathmandu Post.*

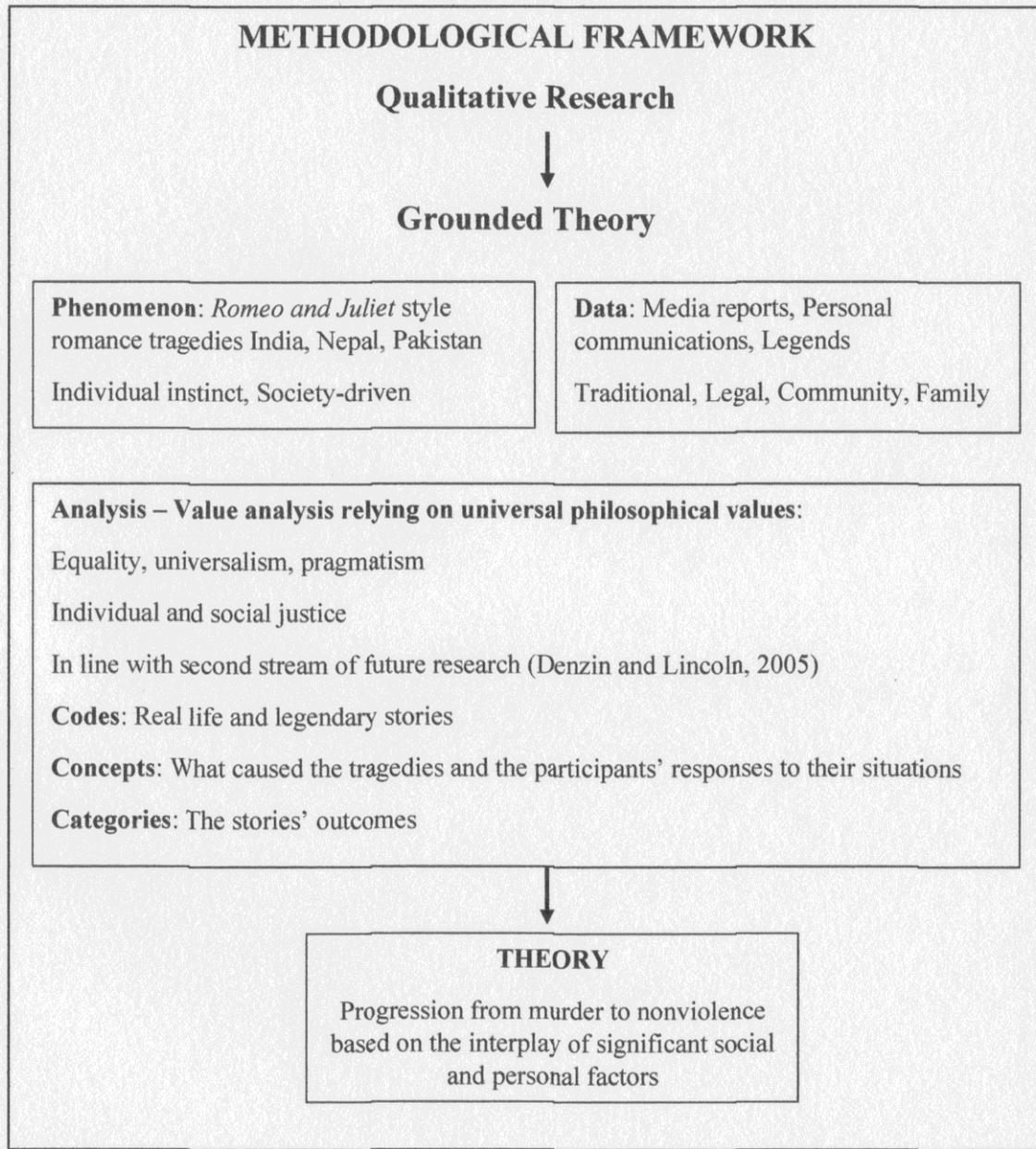


Figure 1.1 Methodological Framework

Methodology – Qualitative Research

- *The study is a Qualitative Research Project leading to the Grounded Theory of a Path of Progression from Lethal Violence, to Tolerance and Acceptance, and then to Celebration*
- *The following slide lists realities in the Path of Progression sequence.....*

Killing to Nonkilling to Celebration -- a slow generational change

- Marital taboos in every culture.
- Romance is compulsive.
- Human rights are allowed or withheld by the society or family within which a person lives.
- Nonviolence – the first acceptable end point
- Law and order imperative.
- Family estrangement - a legal option.
- Reconciliation
- Acceptance
- Welcome and celebration

Present Day Romance Tragedy
Romeo and Juliet Style



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PART 1

India and Nepal

PART 2

Nonkilling

Local and Global

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Publications

- *Research Papers and Books giving full details are available at
www.ddeevans.org*

Safe house for newly marrieds
Where to from here?



Where to from here – Local Issue – Social Outcasts?

- *With family likely to chase and kill these newly married lovers. The advice, 'leave and never come back' is relevant.*
- *A new life elsewhere needs to start afresh.*

**First Global Refugee Forum, 17 and 18 December 2019, Palais
des Nations, Geneva**

22 August 2019 | [Español](#) | [عربي](#)

Local to global



Where to from here – Global Issue – Refugees ?

- *Community refugees*
- *Refugee Camps*
 - *Placement*
 - *Repatriation*
 - *Work Visas*
 - *New Country*



UNHCR placement
Zimbabwe refugee camp to Australia

Burundian Civil War 1993-2005

UNHCR – Option 1 - Placement

- *The hoped for option for refugees is an UNHCR placement to begin a new life in a safe country.*
- *This Burundian family has made home for their family in South Australia.*



Hundreds of Burundian refugees return home from Tanzania | Tanzania News | Al Jazeera

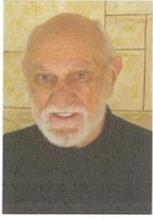
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/10/burundi-refugees-leave-tanzania-mass-repatriation-starts-191003151945180.html>

Oct 2019 Returnees arrived on eight buses in Gisuru in eastern Burundi [Reuters]

More than 400,000 Burundians left the country following a surge of political violence in 2015 when President Pierre Nkurunziza ran for a third disputed term in office and opponents accused him of breaching the constitution.

UNHCR - Option 2 – Return Home

- *The preferred option for many refugees is to return to their own country when it is safe to do so.*



Lateral solutions to developing better global arrangements for displaced people

David Evans

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My first thoughts regarding those needing to leave their homeland under the threat of 'leave or be killed' are for their family and associates not able to get away who have to remain at their home in imminent danger.

Refugees who escape are lucky if they find a refugee camp where life's necessities are available. The flight for a family known to me now living in Australia was from Burundi to Zimbabwe. Six years living in the refugee camp was described as 'like living in a boarding school', yet they told me camp life was meaningful and positive. This theme is echoed in a 2014 article in The New York Times entitled 'How to Build a Perfect Refugee Camp', which reported that meaningful and positive life is possible within such confines

The shame of our Australian-supported refugee camps is that the talents of refugees are not being fostered and the concept of positive living in the camps is hard to find. In part this is due to the jurisdiction of the camp, where conditions cannot be first world western style with social support equivalent to what we have in Australia. Such conditions are also not feasible for the vast majority of global refugees.

Is there a way forward with realistic possibilities? Could we build a new country?

'New Country'

My vision for refugees is of a 'New Country' with states on lands allocated by countries hosting long-term refugee camps all around the world. For a peppercorn rental and with local support, each state would be leased to the United Nations. The UNHCR would offer UN Citizenship with identifying passport to refugees registering with UNHCR. The jurisdiction and legalities would be established by United Nations.

The ideal refugee camp would train its own citizens, especially the young, making them eligible for skilled visas to countries other than the state where they reside. Refugees with nowhere to go other than their present long-term refugee camp would become UN citizens, some of whom would be offered placements in

<https://ddeevans1.files.wordpress.com> › 2019/04 › australia-21-

other countries while others would make their refugee camp liveable and train their young in skills needed around the world.

The key elements to realise this vision are as follows:

- A place for refugees is provided
- Basic essentials of food and housing are available
- Health and Security support are provided
- Food production is undertaken
- Education is fostered
- Social activities are encouraged
- Voluntary local administration is established
- The principle of being self supporting is achieved wherever possible

In the present reality the UNHCR seeks to provide basic needs whilst investigating repatriation and resettlement possibilities. Key aims and concerns are listed in the '2015 UNHCR subregional operations profile – South Asia' report as:

- The need for sustainable livelihoods, reliable community-support networks, and access to specialised services for people with special needs.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers may face discrimination from local communities with little understanding of refugee issues.
- The quality of public health and education in Nepal's camps has been adversely affected by the departure of skilled refugee workers, who were resettled.
- UNHCR fills the gaps in terms of protection, assistance and durable solutions. It focuses on the most vulnerable, including women, children, the elderly, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and those with special needs.

- UNHCR also advocates adopting national refugee frameworks and accession to international refugee instruments. Through stronger partnerships with the various Governments, UNHCR aims to enhance asylum space, including by: identifying opportunities for local integration; improving livelihoods for urban refugees; ensuring the smooth voluntary return of refugees ... identifying durable solutions for refugees ... supporting a sustainable return for those displaced,
- In 2015, UNHCR will continue to advocate for a favourable protection environment in South Asia, including freedom from arbitrary detention and refoulement.

What is missing from this report, however, is the concept of making life good wherever possible. The ideas behind the 'New Country' approach offer refugees a chance for self determination albeit confined to restricted travel within New Country, in ways that provide the UN and UNHCR with a way forward for refugee/asylum seekers.

Australia is part of South East Asia and needs to contribute support for refugees in the region. What we hear from the present Australian government is that new refugees will be exported in one way or another. However, there is no mention of us taking a responsible position in housing refugees (with nowhere to go) in long-term camps of the South East Asia Region. We need to work for UNHCR standards in these camps of the region, using more 'successful' camps as the yardstick. A study of these camps and working with UNHCR to create affordable positive living that does not insist on western standards may be necessary. Refugees confined to long-term refugee camps want to work and self provide. Let's make it happen.

The starting point will be currently functional refugee camps, with the following add on elements:

- Self-government on embassy-type land in a host country leased to UNHCR. The leased land will remain the property of the hosting country and can be changed by mutual agreement.
- The host country will provide external security.
- The refugee community will establish internal security. This may need help from the lessor and lessee if acceptable administration cannot be established.
- Standards of care will be on a liveable needs basis rather than Australian (western) social security standards that are unaffordable in most parts of the world.
- The concept of 'refugees as global citizens' will complement the current UNHCR registration of refugees and travel by a 'global citizen' will still need visa permission.

Refugees say 'Give us opportunity and freedom to work. We will do it ourselves.' Could Australia lease the first state of New Country to the UN on some part of Christmas Island, Manus Island, Nauru or elsewhere, and be prepared to help UNHCR with security and allow NGOs to help socially as well?

In summary, refugee resettlement placements are few both globally and in South East Asia including Australia. The realistic expectation for refugees is a long period in a refugee camp without guarantee of a placement. However, there are examples of refugees living on the land of the hosting country who make life meaningful and progressive if not hampered by legal restrictions. New Country is a concept for the self-management and government of refugees within the confines of allocated land, which will substantially assist the UNHCR (in collaboration with supportive NGOs) in their mission to provide safety and support for refugees with nowhere to go.

UNHCR - Option 3 – New Country 1

- *The concept of New Country is of a functional country building afresh from grassroots level*



New Country is imagined as a functional country with an evolving citizenship and UNHCR/UN Governance.

- Personal individual identity.
- Location. Wherever people are. Leased land.
- Survival.
- Community development
- Education and skill development.
- Internal creativity and leadership getting on with life whatever.
- Application for work visas around the world.
- Participation in international sports/cultural events using visitor visas
- Hosting cultural/arts visitors (eg. Yo Yo Ma and his Silk Road Ensemble)
- Internet availability
- Repatriate when safe
- Placement if available

UNHCR - Option 3 – New Country 2

- *The next slide shows it is happening.*
- *Refugee Economies in Dollo Ado: Development Opportunities in a Border Region of Ethiopia*
- *Built on desert land.*



Concept: A functional country on leased land



Refugee Economies in Dolo Ado: Development Opportunities in a Border Region of Ethiopia [EN/SO] - Ethiopia | ReliefWeb
<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/refugee-economies-dollo-ado-development-opportunities-border-region-ethiopia-enso>

Executive Summary 20 dot points

- The next challenge is to ensure sustainable economic opportunities for refugees and the host community by creating growth and development within the border economy...developing a formal labour market; moving from a camp to a settlement model.....represent some of the untapped opportunities.

? UNHCR Governance

? 2nd Nobel Peace Prize for UNHCR

UNHCR - Option 3 – New Country 3

- *The next slide shows ways it is happening.*
- *Working with what is available in education*



Go



In August 2014, refugees from Afghanistan in transit in Indonesia established the [Cisarua Refugee Learning Centre](#) (CRLC) to provide education for their children. **Refugee-run school in Indonesia a model for governments to emulate**

March 7, 2016 12.02pm AEDT Students in a school run by refugees in Indonesia learn maths, English, art and science. Refugee-run school in Indonesia a model for governments to emulate

<http://theconversation.com/refugee-run-school-in-indonesia-a-model-for-governments-to-emulate-55378>

UNHCR - Option 3 – New Country 4

Work Visas from refugee camps

The little-known visa project bringing highly skilled refugees to Australia

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/the-little-known-visa-project-bringing-highly-skilled-refugees-to-australia>





Exporting Skilled Labour

www.aljazeera.com › plight-nepal-migrant-workers-180205084756399

Feb 5, 2018 - With Nepal's unemployment rate at 40 percent, many young men and women say their only option is to find work abroad. ...

Employment has issued more than 3.5 million labour permits for men and women to work overseas.

20% of Nepal's GNP is from remittances.



[Case Study: Johnathan and Gwyneth, Family Category, British](#)

After Johnathan and Gwyneth's daughter Anna took a job in Wellington New Zealand, the couple were faced with the prospect of not seeing their children (or grandchildren) regularly. They began investigating also moving to New Zealand and engaged Migration Associates to assist them with obtaining residency under the Family Category - Parent Policy.

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

New Zealand Job opportunity Seminar
Birmingham – Saturday
22nd February 2020

? Work opportunity seminars in Refugee camps



Non-Refugee work visas

- *The ground roots international labour market gives opportunity for young workers to travel abroad for paid work and aiding family with remittance payments*
- *The New Zealand Government sends recruiting teams internationally looking for workers to come to New Zealand.*
- *Why not include Refugees Camps as a source for workers to travel the world on work visas and being able to send remittance money to people back in the camp?*



Back to local

[India killing: 'My father ordered my husband's murder' - BBC ...](#)

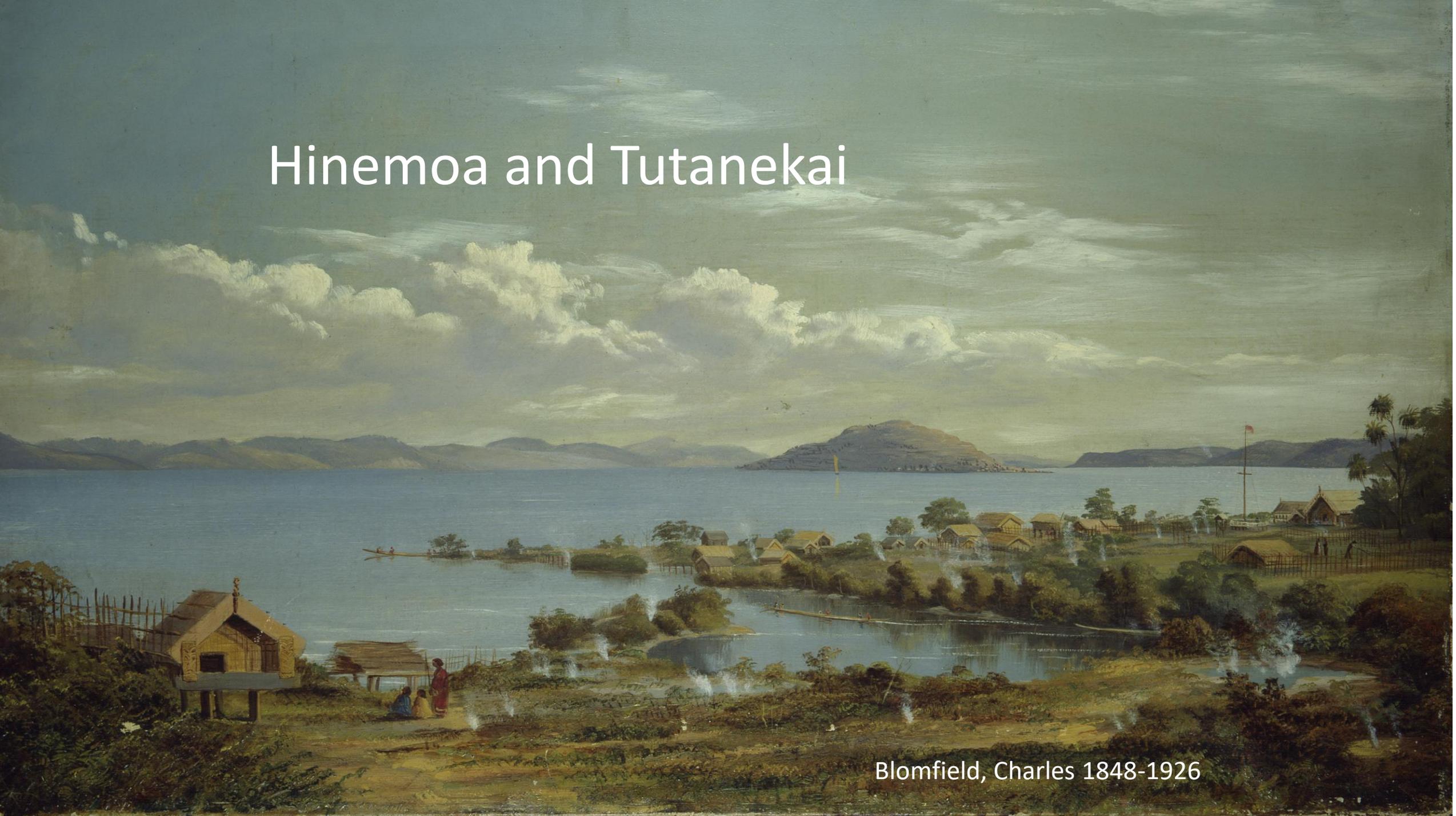
<https://www.bbc.com › news › world-asia-india-45570981>

Sep 20, 2018 - On 14 September, **Pranay Perumalla** was murdered in front of his wife, **Amrutha**, in an alleged honour killing.

The problems remain.

- Where to from here, and, what now, leads us back to the continuing saga of working for positive social change in societies where normal human rights are denied their citizens.

Hinemoa and Tutanekai

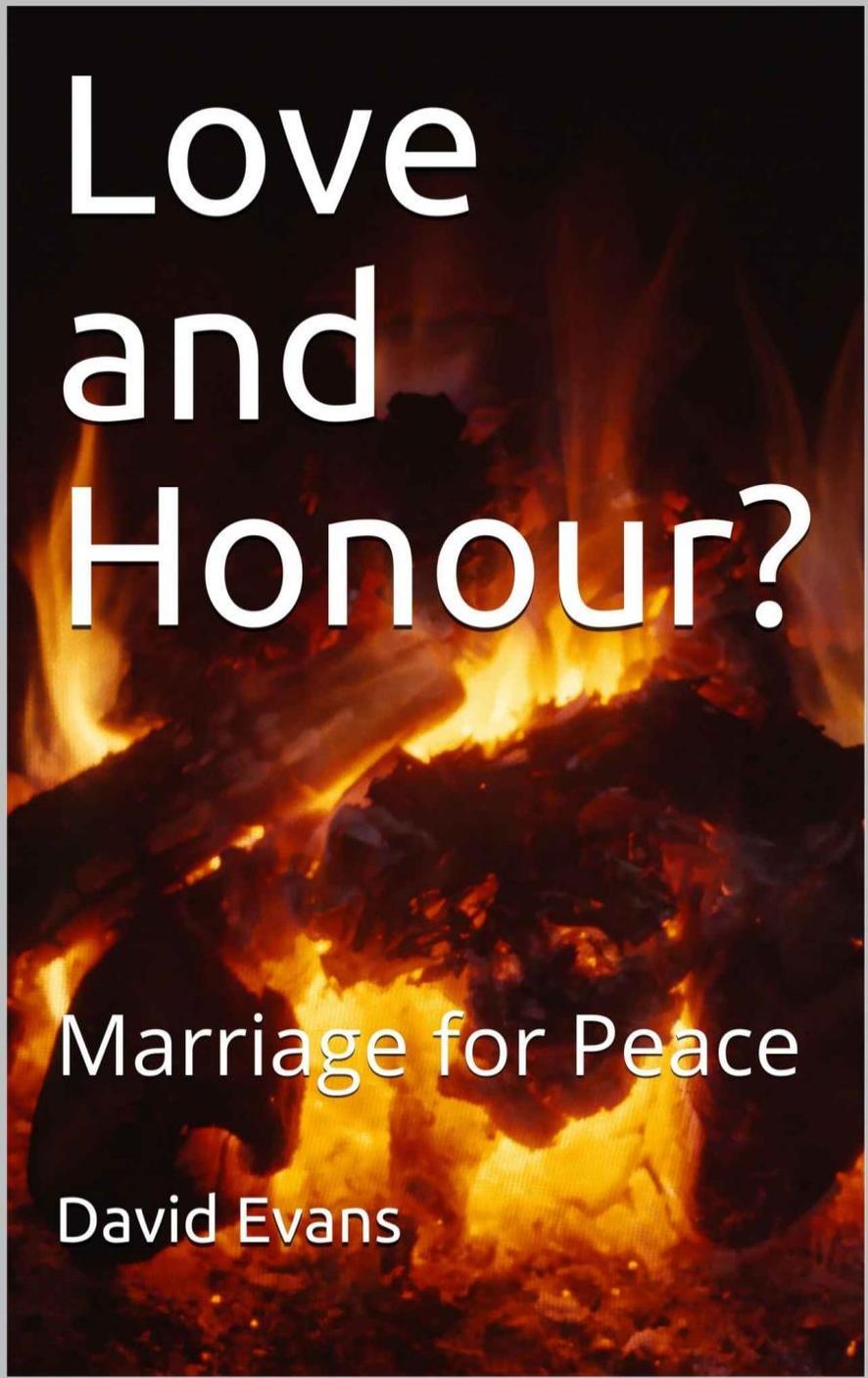


Blomfield, Charles 1848-1926



Happy Ending

- In the study of intercultural 'Romeos and Juliets' one real legendary story has a happy ending. It is the story of Hinemoa and Tutaneki.
- The Chieftan father withdrew his objection to their marriage and this led to celebration and a long period of peace between the tribes.



Love and Honour?

Marriage for Peace

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Leading reform requires huge personal sacrifice.

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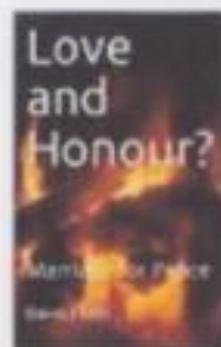
Thank you.
Rowena

This is very
scholarly and
so global in its
approach - what
a delight.

Naive

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(Amazon)

<https://www.amazon.com/Love-Honour-Marriage-David-Evans/dp/0546871344>



Gill Miller

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Mamata Regmi (Nepal)

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John McMahon

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