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Preface by the Publishing House

The transition through a society marked by uncertainties and global crises necessitates a profound rethinking of how we (re)construct knowledge and the relationships between different fields of science. Thirty years after the adoption of the *Charter of Transdisciplinarity*, this volume brings together the contributions presented at the *Transdisciplinary Colloquium* on 7 November 2024, organised at the University of Florence under the auspices of CIRET and the *UNESCO Transdisciplinary Chair on Human Development and Culture of Peace*.

We stand before a collection of *Collected Talks and Reflections* that reflect the open and dynamic spirit of transdisciplinarity, offering diverse perspectives on the central themes of the colloquium: peace beyond violence, transdisciplinary ecology, education for human rights, and sustainable development. Each contribution represents more than the outcome of individual reflection—it serves as a starting point for future dialogues, consolidating an intellectual convergence space between exact sciences, social sciences, the arts, and the spiritual dimension of knowledge.

The publication of these works in the form of *Collected Talks and Reflections* is a strategic editorial initiative aimed at ensuring flexibility and continuity in the dissemination of academic results. This volume is not merely a collection of finalised studies but rather an ongoing intellectual laboratory in which ideas are tested, refined, and developed in a collaborative manner. This approach allows authors to refine and expand their reflections while providing readers with early access to debates, fostering a continuous process of co-construction of knowledge.

Throughout human progress, the pursuit of peace has often been hindered by forces of division, conflict, and violence. Yet, amidst this tumultuous landscape, there are those who envision a world where peace is not merely the absence of war but a profound harmony rooted in a shared understanding of humanity's complexity. In essence, this is the very meaning of transdisciplinarity — a deeper way of perceiving ourselves and others.

The contributions in this volume reflect the dedication and unwavering efforts of researchers, practitioners, and visionaries worldwide who, through the lens of transdisciplinarity, shape a future where peace is understood in its fullest and most nuanced sense. From the foundational perspectives of Edgar Morin and Paolo Orefice, advocating for a complex and unified vision of the world, to the transformative insights of Julieta Haidar and Florent Pasquier, the works presented here are a tribute to the restoration of unity through diversity. These collective efforts underscore the significance of dialogue and a transdisciplinary attitude in addressing the most pressing challenges of our time, including war, violence, and the struggle for lasting peace.

This volume is organised into three interrelated sections. The first highlights the reflections of eminent scholars such as Edgar Morin, Paolo Orefice, Julieta Haidar, and Florent Pasquier, while the second delves into the *2024 UNESCO Recommendation on Education for Peace*, offering a comprehensive vision of education for peace and integral ecology. The third section focuses on symposia exploring the practical applications of transdisciplinary thinking, covering themes such as political ecology, cultural dialogue, education for peace, and well-being.

The contributions presented here are not merely academic reflections — they form the cornerstone of a broader movement aimed at embedding peace within the very fabric of our societies. Through dialogues, symposia, and collaborative efforts, they collectively construct a body of knowledge where violence no longer dictates the course of human history.

As we navigate these pages, we are reminded that the path to peace is neither linear nor singular; rather, it is an acknowledgment of the coalescence of all disciplines, cultures, and perspectives.

We invite you to explore these contributions, reflect on their implications, and join us in this shared endeavour to create a reality where peace transcends violence and where the intricate tapestry of transdisciplinary knowledge guides us towards a better *tomorrow*.

As a representative of the publisher, I express my deep appreciation for the authors' contributions and the editorial efforts of the coordinators of this volume, to whom I extend my sincere gratitude on behalf of *Adjuris – International Publishing House*. I hope that this collection will become an academic cornerstone and a source of inspiration for new research horizons and international collaborations, reflecting the essence of the transdisciplinary vision upheld by CIRET and UNESCO.

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