

Antispeciesist Project *A World Without Speciesist Violence*¹

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***A World Without Speciesist Violence* is a project dedicated to the construction of a world without Speciesist Violence.**

The project was born from the effort to eradicate a social violence that is widely normalized, what I have termed *Speciesist Violence*. The project establishes a space dedicated to the understanding of speciesist violence from an antispeciesist, psychosocial, psychological and psychoeducational perspective.

It is an *integral vision* of the issue of speciesist violence that contemplates not only the study of *Violence* but also the possibility of

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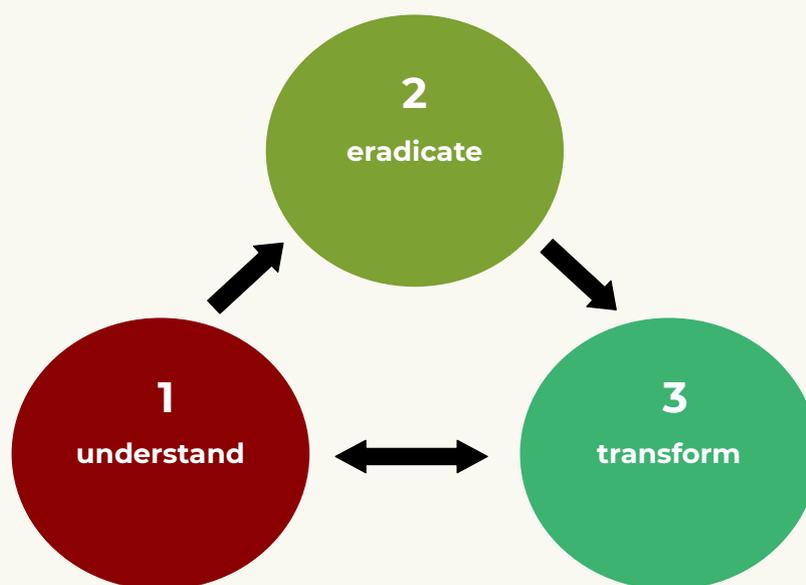
Peace, thus distancing itself from those classical or restrictive positions in the study of violence that set the ultimate goal in the “absence of violence or war”. The project also covers a gap that has been detected in the empirical realm: the difficulty of identifying, making visible and reunifying the current range of antispeciesist pacifist proposals as alternatives to the exercise of speciesist violence.

Project General Guidelines

Here are presented the general guidelines of project “A World Without Speciesist Violence”. In the first place, Figure 1 shows how the internal organization of the project is structured around three governing nuclei that interact among themselves, following a progressive order toward the goals of the project.

Figure 1.

General guidelines of the antispeciesist project “A World Without Speciesist Violence” by Romina Kachanoski



1. **Theorizing Speciesist Violence:** Understanding the problem
2. **Living without Speciesist Violence:** Eradication strategies
3. **Creating a world without Speciesist Violence:** Transformation strategies

1. Theorizing Speciesist Violence

Theorizing Speciesist Violence opens a theoretical line indispensable if one is to approach the problem of speciesist violence and acquire conceptual consistency and lexical precision. It is a robust theoretical framework that allows for the **understanding of the problem of speciesist violence** in a deep and exhaustive manner, both in its own singularity and in the context of the social violences. The first governing nucleus of Project "A World Without Speciesist Violence" offers resources that are useful in the social problematization and sensibilization of speciesist violence, the identification of its typologies, psychosocial mechanisms, roles and responsibilities in the reproduction and preservation of speciesist violence, as well as many other issues that are approached in a critical manner.

2. Living Without Speciesist Violence

Those who face with maturity the issue of speciesist violence assume their share of responsibility in the matter and initiate a journey of no return toward a life without speciesist violence. The **eradication of**

Speciesist Violence marks a leap forward, an evolution toward its pacifist resolution. This second guideline of the project, with a marked applied character, contributes new theoretical, methodological and intervention foundations to the study of Speciesist Violence aimed at eradicating speciesist violence in our lives and coping with the strong opposition from a speciesist humankind who refuses to abandon its violent modes of relationship.

3. Creating a world without Speciesist Violence

Those who embark on the practice and utopia of building a new world without speciesist violence discover immediately that the antidotes for speciesist violence cannot be limited to the mere absence of speciesist violence. Therefore, the third and last governing nucleus of the project gives centrality to the theory and praxis of Antispeciesism with the goal of attaining a **deep personal and social transformation** of our interspecific relationships and the liberation of Animals and the Earth.

Large-scale strategies of social transformation, such as the creation of liberated spaces for the coexistence between the Earth and future human societies that are aspeciesist and free of speciesist violence, require a re-reading of the world, a vision of the present and of the future that is both serene and inclusive, constant effort and dedication on the part of a united antispeciesist population, personal and social growth, humility and acceptance of our own limits, our experiences, our resources, our self-criticism and analytic thinking, our commitment to continual education, our intense collaborations, solidarity, sensibility, empathy and creativity, the acuity of our limited senses, the ethical use of available technologies, the competencies, expertise and skills needed to reach the goal.

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