

BOOK REVIEWS

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Bruce W. Dayton and Louis Kriesberg. *Constructive Conflicts: From Emergence to Transformation*. 6th ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022. ISBN 978-1-5381-6099-2 (hbk.), 978-1-5381-6100-5 (pbk.), 978-1-5381-6101-2 (ebk.). Pp. 378.

Louis Kriesberg. *Fighting Better: Constructive Conflicts in America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023. ISBN 978-0-1976-7479-6 (hbk.), 978-0-1976-7480-2 (pbk.) 8-0-1976-7482-6 (ebk.). Pp. 342.

Teacher and mentor to a generation of conflict studies scholars, author of over 160 book chapters and articles, and recipient of numerous awards and special honours, Louis Kriesberg has already created an enduring legacy. His work continues with the publication of two more books in the last two years. These books both deserve special attention as the possible culmination of a long a distinguished career.

*Constructive Conflicts* is the latest edition of a text widely used by conflict studies instructors since it first appeared in 1998. While the structure of the book is substantially the same as the last edition, published in 2017, several changes are significant. Most noteworthy is the change in the subtitle. Previous editions carried the subtitle “from escalation to resolution” but this is now revised to “from emergence to transformation,” thereby acknowledging that complex conflicts may never be fully resolved but can be transformed into more constructive forms if appropriately managed. Also significant is the transition of author placement as Bruce Dayton, Kriesberg’s co-author, now takes on the role of primary author.

The basic structure of the book and the basic contours of Kriesberg’s conflict theory have remained the same over the decades. The first chapter analyzes

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