

Peace Parks

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As with the concept of peace parks, my paper likewise serves the purpose of contributing to the effort to transform the world into a better place—one in which the inclination toward war or bloodshed, as well as the perceived necessity for them, no longer exists. To this end, the dissemination of information and the enhancement of public awareness are essential; in this particular case, I will address an international, transboundary, designated peace zone.

On a planet where at least three active hotspots are persistently present and people are dying relentlessly and continuously, it is understandable that individuals can no longer easily envisage a solution capable of resolving interstate confrontation and tension within a short period of time through what may appear, at first glance, to be a “simple” protected area established within a hotspot. For this reason, it is especially important to me, particularly as a person displaced from Abkhazia, to disseminate information about one of the most optimal and realistic means of establishing peace and to encourage emotional and intellectual readiness among the public, should a peace park one day be established in Georgia as well.

As previously noted, a peace park is primarily oriented toward the establishment of peace between opposing parties and the strengthening of relations between them; however, in addition to the aforementioned, the natural resources located within the protected area are placed under conservation, and no negative anthropogenic factors exert an impact upon them. It is precisely for this reason that peace parks are unique.

It should be noted that peace parks constitute a clear example of how acute, armed conflicts may be resolved in a manner that avoids human casualties, safeguards biodiversity, and promotes sustainable development.