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CSMHI applied a growing theoretical and field-proven base of knowledge to issues such as ethnic tension, racism, national identity, terrorism, societal trauma, leader-follower relationships, and other aspects of national and international conflict. Because no single discipline can fully illuminate such deep-seated and complex issues, CSMHI's faculty and board included experts in psychoanalysis, psychiatry, diplomacy, history, political science, and environmental policy. Their combined perspectives and experience provided in-depth analysis of political, historical, and social issues and the psychological processes that invariably exist beneath their surface.

Professor Volkan holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from Kuopio University, Finland and from Ankara University, Turkey. He was a member of the International Negotiation Network under the directorship of the former President Jimmy Carter; an Inaugural Yitzak Rabin Fellow, Rabin Center for Israeli Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel; a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; a Visiting Professor of Political Science, the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria; and a Visiting Professor of Political Psychology, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey. He was also a Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at Ege University, Izmir, Turkey; Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey; and Cerrahpaşa Medical School, Istanbul, Turkey.

He is a recipient of numerous awards including the Sigmund Freud Award given by the city of Vienna in collaboration with the World Council of Psychotherapy and was a Fulbright/Sigmund-Freud-Privatstiftung Visiting Scholar of Psychoanalysis in Vienna, Austria.

He is the author or co-author of 42 books and the editor or co-editor of 10 more. He has published more than 400 scientific papers or book chapters. His work has been translated into many languages. He has served on the editorial boards of 16 professional journals including the *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*.

A former President of the Turkish-American Neuropsychiatric Society, the International Society of Political Psychology, the Virginia Psychoanalytic Society and the American College of Psychoanalysts, Dr. Volkan worked in various countries over three decades, brought various "enemy" representatives together for unofficial dialogues, spoke with many world political leaders and spent time in refugee camps. He developed new theories about large-group psychology and suggested new strategies for peaceful co-existence. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for four times (2005-2008) supported by letters from over 25 countries.

Dr. Volkan (with Lord John Aderdice [UK] and Dr. Robi Friedman [Israel]) chairs the International Dialogue Initiative (IDI) meetings. He established the IDI in 2008. The IDI members are unofficial representatives from Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, Russia, Germany, United Kingdom and United States. They meet twice a year to examine world affairs.

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