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How Societies Can Construct Identities Based on Our Shared Humanity

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"Since the ill-fated 1938 Munich Conference between Adolf Hitler and Neville Chamberlain, appeasement has been a dirty word in major power diplomacy, politics and academia. This is unfortunate and misguided. From Belfast to Bethlehem and points in between, now is the time to rehabilitate the idea and the practice of appeasement, for war is rarely the answer and peaceful coexistence the only rational goal for humankind. While the diplomats engage in appeasement, the warring societies must be guided to form a transcendent identity, one in which their shared humanity takes on a far greater position of prominence in their self-perception and perception of the former "Other". In my lecture, I will discuss how NGOs, religious organizations and community-activist groups can facilitate this essential transformation of a conflict zone into a zone of coexistence and ultimately to a zone of peace."

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