Perspectives on Peace and War:

‘When people think about peace and war, they often make either conscious or unconscious assumptions about what institutions deserve their primary loyalty and, therefore, should be the means for interacting internationally. The dominant perspective regards the world as primarily made up of states held together and legitimized by the patriotism of their citizens. Another perspective, which has persisted for centuries and has been reinforced and revitalized by the…explosion of international institutions in recent decades, emphasizes the similarities shared by all humans and views states as historical artifacts perhaps now artificial and outdated. A third perspective focuses on what may be termed nationhood instead of statehood. As the often neglected but ever present primary source of identity, cultural groups should determine the form their international interaction should take, whether in states, international organizations, or their own newly developing interactive processes.’

(GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, Kelleher/Klein, pp.189-90)