

# THE LIFE AND WORK OF A PEACE RESEARCHER

The Norwegian **Johan Galtung** (1930–2024) is regarded as the founder and leading thinker of **peace and conflict research**. He studied maths and sociology. His conflict theory with its "conflict triangle" takes into account factors at all social levels. He also coined the terms "**cultural**" and "**structural violence**". In 1959 he founded the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), in 1992 the Transcendental Peace University (TPU) and in 2011 the Galtung-Institut for Peace Theory and Peace Practice (GI); the TPU and GI now work online. Galtung published around 160 books and 1,700 scientific articles, and mediated in a large number of conflicts. In 1987 he was awarded the Right Livelihood Award, known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize". Galtung was a sharp critic of **US policy** and **UN structures**. In 2012 his statements among other things about the alleged influence of Jews in the media and at universities led to accusations of **antisemitism** against him. Galtung regarded this as defamatory and referred to his research on prejudice, racism and antisemitism.

