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## ABSTRACT

In this conversation, Miriam and Joakim reflect on the use of restorative justice in cases of polarisation, intergroup conflict and hate crime. They refer to the basics of restorative justice, naming those values and practice principles which are at the core of the movement, and they present challenges and opportunities to be considered by restorative justice professionals when offering a restorative justice process to those parties involved in a conflict, or even violent crime, as a consequence of polarisation and hate. Why do we consider and work with restorative justice in these cases? What is our vision? How are values and needs perceived and understood by diverse and unique individuals? What is the role of the mediator and how can he/she ensure that his/her own background is not a limit to the encounter? What to recommend to those practitioners offering restorative justice in cases of polarization and hate crime?

