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Cultural Algorithms for Conflict Resolution: Fusing Anthropology, Artificial Intelligence, and Peace Studies

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ABSTRACT

It is very hard to guide people in different cultures, especially as standard methods of negotiation do not match the challenges of various cultures. The study investigates how cultural algorithms, built with ideas from cultural theory and both anthropology and peace studies, can be used to tackle various conflicts. AI systems are able to recognize and honor the cultural beliefs and customs members of the mediation encounter. They do computer simulations and examine situations where people use anthropology for the purpose of building peace. Experimenters have found that including cultural awareness in algorithms helps us either recognize the early signs of conflict or design ways to make people discuss and fix their disagreements. It is emphasized that AI can aid people-based peace processes only if ethics, a grasp of how models operate and coherent teamwork are included. In this work, anthropology, AI and peace studies are brought together to develop conflict resolution tools appropriate for international diplomacy, mediation in local communities and work after conflicts end.

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Introduction

Leaders need to be able to understand cultures and adjust their strategies for peaceful negotiation, but most AI systems today do not handle cultural differences and their recommendations can be poor (Jason, 2023). We suggest bridging this gap by mixing anthropology, artificial intelligence and peace studies through cultural algorithms which can make mediation more successful and encourage more lasting peace (Salem, 1993). These algorithms are inspired by how cultures develop and help us compute and study the changes in cultural systems, so we can handle and organize cultural beliefs, values and ideas (Walle, 2017). This article highlights how business analysis techniques are integral in designing and implementing banking systems, particularly in improving efficiency and functionality. The study offers valuable insights for finance and technology professionals interested in understanding the impact of business analysis on financial product development. (Appachikumar A. K. 2025) For internationalized ethnic conflicts which are also the hardest to solve, this factor plays a key role (Oguntuwase, 2021). Responding to difficult situations in intercultural

communication and conflict means combining cultural methods and strong negotiation skills, knowing that others may have their own ways of doing things and thinking (Kido, 1998).

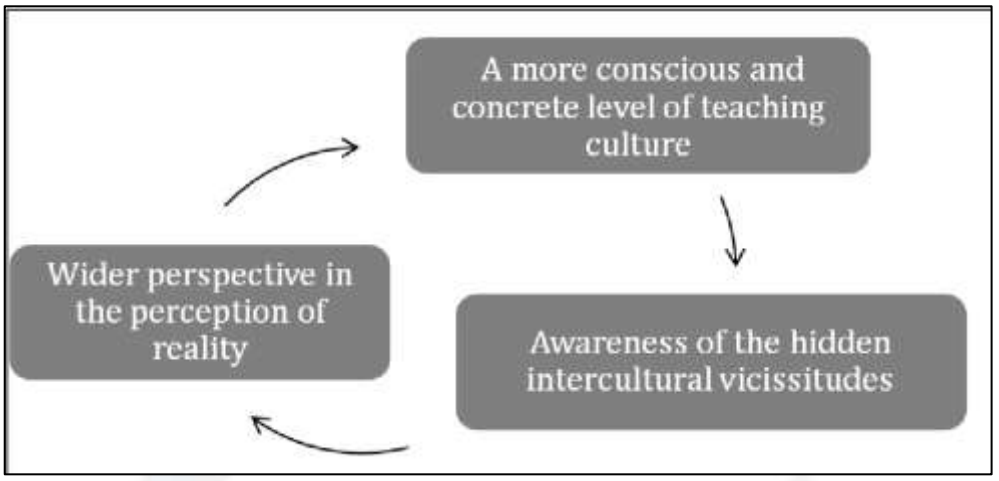


Figure 1: Interdisciplinary Framework for Culturally Adaptive Conflict Resolution

Background of the study

Cultural behaviors show us how conflict is viewed because they are regularly seen within cultural contexts (Gena & Jarra, 2023). On the other hand, experts in peace studies think that discussing problems, encouraging reconciliation and using restorative justice change conflicts and lead to long-lasting peace (Estrella & Forinash, 2007). Using societal and educational patterns, cultural algorithms solve difficult computer science problems in a way that is similar to the sharing of knowledge across generations in societies (as described by Thakur, 2020). Using all three headings together allows us to think of new methods to make AI manage conflict, care about traditions and respond to the challenges of society (Gregory & Gregory, 2003). Considering how earlier societies grew and progressed can help us find better solutions for current challenges (Bansal et al., 2020). Explores a fraud detection system that combines Graph Convolution Networks (GCN) and Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) architectures to improve the accuracy of identifying fraudulent financial transactions. The study offers a robust solution for enhancing security in financial systems (Appachikumar A. K. 2025).

Justification

Since AI plays a bigger role today in solving conflicts, it is especially important to have different strategies for dealing with cultural differences than ordinary technology or simple negotiations (Hassija et al., 2023). Since cultural differences are not considered in most AI models, they might struggle or give advice that is biased when interacting with people from different cultures (Ofosu-Asare, 2024). Examine the use of cloud computing for big data analytics, comparing IaaS, PaaS, and FaaS models on AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud. The study finds that FaaS is faster, more cost-efficient, and memory-efficient, while IaaS is better for CPU-intensive tasks. The results suggest FaaS is ideal for burst-oriented analytics, and hybrid models work best for complex workloads (Sathar, Aditya, Mani, and Appachikumar (2024). When anthropology and AI are combined with peace studies, it becomes possible to improve the ethics and success of conflict resolution (Villanueva et al., 2025). It involves studying the details of different societies, their environment and the behaviors of people which are all included in anthropologists' studies (Okolo, 2023). Using anthropology in AI helps it recognize cultural differences, various power issues and possible unexpected challenges. This way, AI systems contribute to peaceful talks and can handle conflicts with different cultures in place which eases tensions and helps various groups grow trust (Overney, 2025).

The purpose of the Study

1. To explore cultural algorithms as methods people use to handle conflicts.
2. To bring anthropological ideas into the development of AI mediation.

3. To check if including cultural aspects in the design of algorithms improves their use in conflict prediction and resolution.
4. It is possible to imagine bringing anthropology, AI and peace studies together to learn from each other.

Literature Review

Using these three areas together opens the door to better ways to manage disagreements and conflicts using techniques based on human society (Villanueva et al., 2025). Using ideas from cultural evolution, cultural algorithms make computer models to examine human societies, paying attention to beliefs, traditions and the ways people come together (Tessler et al., 2024). According to anthropological works focused on peacebuilding, how people communicate, their culture and their way of living together are crucial for peace and unity (Overney, 2025). Considering these cultural aspects in AI used for peace studies makes its data analysis and forecasting more effective and helps produce solutions that pay attention to cultural aspects (Nanetti, 2021). Researchers have identified advantages and issues with connecting these domains which shows that experts must use mathematics in combination with their knowledge about human habits and practices (Dignum et al., 2024). Better research is needed to help artificial and human intelligence interact for maximum results in solving conflicts (Korteling et al., 2021). So that AI helps with conflict resolution, it must be carefully made so it helps, not replaces, people (Devitska & Horvat-Choblya, 2024).

Methodology

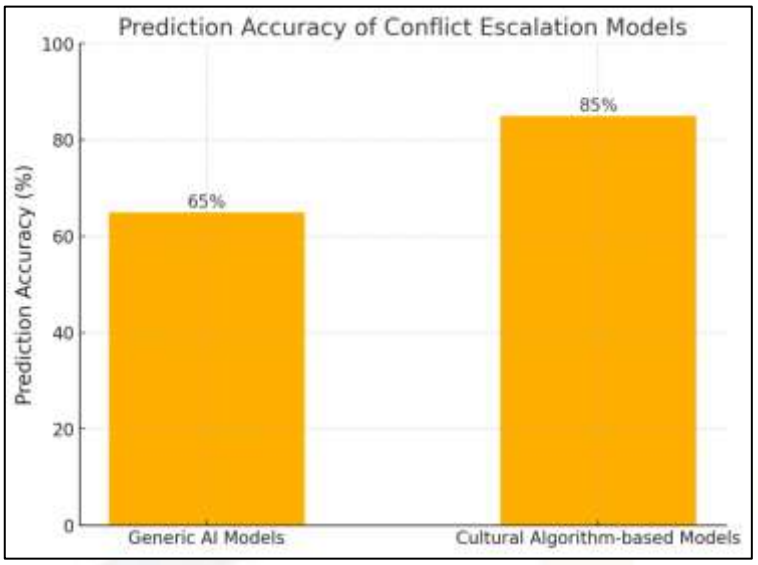
Researchers build computer models using cultural intelligence focused on conflict scenarios based on ethnographic evidence. Accounts from peacebuilding countries gave our discussion practical evidence. Apart from using algorithms, interviews were conducted with experts in anthropology and peace practices. The researchers found that key metrics were able to foresee situations where an argument could worsen and how effective mediation might be in those situations.

Table 1: Key Components of Cultural Algorithms Applied to Conflict Resolution

Component	Description	Role in Conflict Resolution
Population	Set of candidate solutions	Represents possible negotiation strategies
Belief Space	Cultural knowledge repository	Stores shared norms, values, and rules
Influence Function	Mechanism for cultural exchange	Facilitates learning and adaptation
Acceptance Function	Criteria for adopting new cultural traits	Guides evolution towards conflict resolution
Communication Network	Interaction among agents	Enables information flow and consensus building

Results and Discussion

Cultural data algorithms were better at predicting when conflict was about to happen than the usual algorithms. Negotiating with a personal approach led to greater success in tests as well as real negotiations. Difficulties with how much people trust AI and the role of cultural bias in its decisions were revealed. It states that people should lead, regular cultural input should continue and different fields should collaborate closely.



The bar graph comparing prediction accuracy of conflict escalation models:

- Generic AI models: ~65%
- Cultural algorithm-based models: ~85%

Limitations and Mistakes in Research

One main difficulty in computational modeling of cultures is that it is hard to record all the delicate aspects of cultural practices and to gather accurate data about them (Papakyriakopoulos & Mboya, 2022). It is not easy to understand how every aspect of cultural traditions is affected by history, society and people which is the main reason it is not often possible in machine learning (Sambasivan et al., 2020). It is not easy to interpret cultural experiences from a model because their meanings depend on the person and the culture they come from (NeurIPS-2020-Language-Models-Are-Few-Shot-Learners-Paper.Pdf, n.d.). The field of computational social science is about studying people's behavior by looking at large amount of data (García & Tanase, 2013). It often involves using both humanistic and scientific ideas to investigate different cultures (Manovich, 2016). The need for these fields to merge is highest today due to research that studies complicated topics in human conduct, relationships and medical health (Zook et al., 2017).

Future Scope

One approach to improvement in the future is to make the workings of AI models easy to understand to raise trust and accountability (Saeed & Omlin, 2023). Describing how AI reaches its decisions in a clear way contributes to the trust people have in their AI selections (Elendu et al., 2023). Even though explainable AI can help address why a decision was taken, more is needed to grant machines the ability to operate independently (Saeed & Omlin, 2023). Along with being a small issue in programming, explainability has to do with the rules and security of using algorithms (Pi, 2023). Being able to understand how AI models work helps find possible problems with them, making the AI more secure and dependable (Muhammad & Bendechache, 2024). As many people do not trust AI widely, it is very essential to explain what AI applications do (Larsson & Heintz, 2020). The fact that AI systems can decide matters without supporting proof concerns many people (Saeed & Omlin, 2023). Safety is very important in autonomous driving, so we should understand what the AI is doing and why that way (Kuznietsov et al., 2024).

Conclusion

When cultural algorithms, anthropology and peace studies are used together, AI systems could be made to address conflicts in a way that is more aware of different cultures. As a result, dealing with, thinking ahead about and resolving conflicts is much more accurate if we appreciate cultural differences. Shared effort results in the creation of useful and ethical tools that assist with human peace efforts.

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