

# Play with Purpose: Relational and Performative Practices in Everyday Life

Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - The Day in Progreso, Mexico



Our day at Progreso, will be a day of performances coordinated by *Instituto Kanankil* with the collaboration of the *Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Progreso* and the participation of all “seminar at sea” attendees. It will consist of 10 simultaneous performances within the following themes:

- *Community and Social Change*
- *Education and Teaching*
- *Environment and Sustainability*
- *Organization/Business/Work Life*
- *Therapy/Counseling*

Kanankil Instituto will be working with students from the *Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Progreso* during the few months prior to our meeting there. The staff and students from Kanankil will present the ideas of post-modernism, social constructionism, and performative practices to the students at the local university. From those workshops, groups will form to create a “performance” for our “seminar at sea” participants. And the “seminar at sea” participants will “perform” for the local students at the university. The performances will be "created in real time" simultaneously by both: the students and the participants. Progreso students will be prepared to be ready for participation/collaboration/improvisation/creation amongst all participants. The exercise will be highly collaborative and we will not necessarily be "prepared" or highly rehearsed. Dialogue and meaning-making during and after the performances will be facilitated by the faculty of the Taos Institute, Houston Galveston Institute and Kanankil Institute with a local translator assisting.

## PROGRESO, YUCATAN

*Progreso* de Castro is the main port in the state of Yucatan, Mexico, located in the Gulf of Mexico in the northwest of the state at coordinates 21 ° 16'47 "N 89 ° 39'47" W 36 km north of Merida, the capital of the state (about 20 minutes if traveling by car). Progress has an estimated population of approximately 50,000.



*Progreso* is based on a large fishing industry and has been established - since the construction of the Port, singular offshore facility consisting of a viaduct that stretches into the sea 6.5 km, to gain depth and allow ships as deep as 34 feet- as a strategic hub for the logistics of exporting and importing.

*Progreso* is also a growing tourist port. Currently operating large cruise ships, which usually stop for 24-36 hours. Passengers will disembark at the Port and are taken to visit Merida, Izamal or the Mayan sites of Chichen Itza, Uxmal and Dzibilchaltún. During the months of July and August the beaches are crowded by thousands of mostly local tourists. These months are preferred by families who spend the summer in the Yucatan beaches.



## INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO SUPERIOR DE PROGRESO



Created in the year 2000, the ITSP is a technological higher education institution

- responsible for the integral formation of competent human capital,
- through the implementation of plans and programs of study consistent with the needs of the environment,
- to achieve social scientific and technological development, and
- respect for the environment.

The values of the school are based on: trust, teamwork, respect, integral education, responsibility and integrity. They offer Bachelor Degree programs in Administration, Business Development, Logistics, Computer Systems, Electro-mechanical Engineering, and Renewable Energy.



## INSTITUTO KANANKIL



Kanankil is an Institute that has been created to promote all things related to teaching, research and dissemination of dialogical, collaborative and narratives practices in psychotherapy. We work on issues of addictions, education, community and organizational development, sexuality and gender, art and culture. This work is conceived through the formation of learning communities in which the relationship, objectives and results are based on models that encourage

participation and curiosity. Our programs, divided into Masters, Diplomas and workshops, are framed by socio-constructionism principles from a postmodern critical position. We are the only school in Mexico that offers Master degree programs, with the Ministry of Education approval, with this perspective.

