

Brief Encounters with The Taos Institute

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Collaborative and Dialogic Practices



By Rocio Chaveste and Papusa Molina

This month we welcome Rocio Chaveste and Papusa Molina as they share news of the upcoming conference in Spain this coming spring...

Some years ago, 2010 to be more precise, a group of people who attended, every year, the International Summer Institute with Harlene Anderson, started to talk about creating a certificate program in Collaborative and Dialogic Practices (ICCP). In 2011, three programs started: one in Brazil with Interfacci coordinated by Marilene Grandeso, one in Mexico City with Grupo Campos Eliseos coordinated by Sylvia London, and one in Yucatan at the Kanankil Institute coordinated by Rocio Chaveste.

The purpose of this new International Certificate Program in Collaborative and Dialogic Practices was to provide practitioners with an interdisciplinary program that provides an intensive, in-depth study of postmodern-social construction-relational theory and the possibilities for personal, organizational, and social transformation that flow from this orientation. From the beginning, the program focused on the theoretical and philosophical assumptions of collaborative-dialogic practices as transformational and the application within and across disciplines, contexts, and cultures.

So, five years later, we have two programs in the US, eight in Latin America (México, Colombia, Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina), three in the EU (Belgium, Spain and the Czech Republic), one in China and two others in their early stages of developing in Cyprus and Norway. We are all involved in organizing our Third International ICCP Congress that will take place March 30-31 and April 1-2 at the university of La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain <http://www.iccpcongress2017.org/> and we would like to invite you to join us there to share, learn and explore many collaborative and dialogic practices.

So, why is this important and why do we think it will be amazing if you could be there? Because we know, from personal experience, that being part of this community has brought incredible friendships, opened the horizons of our work, provided possibilities for cross-cultural and multilingual projects, and more than anything else, we know how to have fun together.

In a more serious tone, as we look across the globe, the times and processes that we are going through, demand that we bring our desires and conversations into actions for a better future where dialogues and relations are the center of our communities. We hope to see you in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain.

Hugs from Mexico,
Rocio and Papusa