

First announcement

4th International Conference on Dialogical Practices

GETTING CLOSER, Towards a new human alliance



12th to 14th of October 2017 - Turin, Italy



In memory of John Shotter

The Conference is in memory of John Shotter, a beautiful architect of human dialogue, who passed away on December 8, 2016.

Emeritus Professor of Communication in the Department of Communication, University of New Hampshire (U.S.A.), he worked as an organizational consultant and doctoral examiner internationally. His long term interest was in the social conditions conducive to people having a voice in the development of participatory democracies and civil societies. His contributions to social constructionism, Open Dialogue and a radically humanistic psychology are acknowledged and studied the world over.



"While we can study already completed, dead forms at a distance, seeking to understand the pattern of past events that caused them to come into existence, we can enter into a relationship with a living form and, in making ourselves open to its movements, find ourselves spontaneously responding to it." (John Shotter, 2016, p. 106)

Organizer:

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With:

Network for Dialogical Practices



We are pleased to announce

that the Fourth International Conference on Dialogical Practices will take place in Turin, Italy, from Thursday, October 12th to Saturday, October 14th.

"... As soon as the baby breathes, he is right away an actor for dialogue. So there is nothing to learn, but it is so elementary that it becomes obvious ... " (Jaakko Seikkula)

The focus of the conference will be on those dialogical practices and research findings best able to promote human alliance and develop working practices with and among families and communities in an era of complexity and interdependence.

The main experience of dialogical practices in the clinical, educational, social and political fields will be presented and extended to other fields, institutions and organizations. Particular attention will be paid to the processes of dialogue and peace, intended as creative and non-violent solutions for conflict.

In addition, the conference gives the opportunity to make Italy aware of the beauty and effectiveness of the dialogic approach. For this reason all the dialogical experiences already active in the country will be included.

The "Open Dialogue" method originates from the passion to find different ways of understanding mental health difficulties and in particular psychotic experiences. Open Dialogue is a network approach to mental health difficulties. It was developed in Tornio, Western Lapland, Finland by Jaakko Seikkula and colleagues in the early 1980's.

“The dialogical, as Arnkil and Seikkula (2013) say, is not a method or a set of techniques but it is an attitude, a way of seeing, which is based on recognizing and respecting the otherness of the other, and ongoing to meet them.”

For the first time in Italy there will be a meeting of communities and professionals from the dialogical approach. Dialogue creates a vital connection among people thus giving birth to a cross- generational, present-future, devoting particular attention to dialogue in the uncertain digital age. First of all it aims at recreating new alliances among people.

The intention of the conference is the introduction, analysis and promotion of concrete dialogue among individuals and communities on a disciplinary, clinical, educational and sociological level. Dialogue is the fundamental component of addressing the foundations and the sense of our living together.

“For the word (and, consequently, for a human being) there is nothing more terrible than a lack of response”, “Being heard as such is already a dialogic relation” (Mikhail Bakhtin, 1975)

Past Conference on Dialogical Practices

First International Conference 22-24 September 2011, Helsinki, Finland



Second International Conference 7-9 March 2013, Leuven, Belgium



Third International Conference 23-25 September 2015, Kristiansand, Norway



Format of the Conference

October 12th

9.00 – 12.30 Pre Conference

14.30 – 17.00 Main Conference

17.30 – 18.30 First session of parallel working groups

October 13th

9.00 – 12.30 Main Conference

14.30 – 15.45 First session of parallel workshops presentations

16.00 – 17.15 Second session of parallel workshops presentations

17.30 – 19.00 Second session of parallel working groups

20.00 – 21.00 Get together with food, drinks and music

21.00 – 23.00 Torino By night

October 14th

9.00 – 9.40 Plenary Lecture

10.00 – 11.15 Third session of parallel workshops presentations

11.30 – 13.00 Third session of parallel working groups

13.00 - 13.30 Last words and closure

15.00 – 17.00 Turin Tour (optional)

Official Language: English-Italian during the plenary sessions

Target audience

Psychiatrists, Psychotherapists, Psychologists, Educationalists, Philosophers, Researchers, Teachers, Doctors, Medical and health personnel, Social Workers, Educators, Communication experts, Public managers, Local Administrators, Managers, University Students, Artists. Also: family members and citizen interested in the topic.

Conference Fees (Vat Included)

	EARLY BOOKING		BOOKING	
	Without pre conference	With pre conference	Without pre conference	With pre conference
Senior	480 €	550 €	550 €	650 €

Students (under 27)	280 €	/	350 €	/
Only pre-conference		90 €		120 €

Deadlines

Submission of abstracts: 20th April to 20th June 2017

Registration: 20th April to 20th July 2017, Early booking by the end of May

Call for Papers for the workshops: March 10th to 30th May 2017

Poster: 10th March to May 30th 2017

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About Turin



There's a whiff of Paris in Turin's elegant tree-lined boulevards and echoes of Vienna in its stately art nouveau cafes, but make no mistake – this elegant, Alp-fringed city is utterly self-possessed. The innovative Torinese gave the world its first saleable hard chocolate, perpetuated one of its greatest mysteries (the Holy Shroud), popularized a best-selling car (the Fiat) and inspired the black-and-white stripes of one of the planet's most iconic football teams (Juventus).

Turin also gave the world Italy as we now know it: Piedmont, with its wily Torinese president, the Count of Cavour, was the engine room of the Risorgimento (literally 'the Resurgence', referring to Italian unification). Turin also briefly served as Italy's first capital and donated its monarchy – the venerable, possibly past it, House of Savoy – to the newly unified Italian nation in 1861.

The 2006 Winter Olympics shook the city from a deep post-industrial malaise, and sparked an urban revival, with a cultural knock-on effect that has seen a contemporary art, architecture and design scene blossom in the city.

From: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/italy/liguria-piedmont-and-valle-daosta/turin/introduction#ixzz4WxDN8k4D>

Learn more about “Visit Turin”: <http://www.turismotorino.org/docs/EN/A24/territory>

About the location

Mother house salesians of St. John Bosco - Torino-Valdocco: Via Maria Ausiliatrice 32.

Is a citadel with all services, 10 minute from the Town Center of Turin, 15 minute from the station and 40 minute by bus or train to Caselle Airport.



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