



2^η Παγκόσμια Συνδιάσκεψη του δικτύου ITLP ESREA

*Ο Ρόλος, η Φύση και οι Δυσκολίες του Διαλόγου
στο πλαίσιο της Μετασχηματίζουσας Μάθησης*

24-26 Ιουνίου 2016, Αθήνα

**Προσυνεδριακή συνάντηση νέων ερευνητών:
23 Ιουνίου, 17.00-20.00,
ΟΤΕAcademy Συνεδριακό Κέντρο**

Description

On dialogue: dialogue represents a central element of our network, and may also be at the heart of transformative learning processes. Dialogue can take many forms: it may lie at the core of our formation as human beings, in relation to significant others, as well as in our transformations, at various stages of our lives. It can be dialogue within, perhaps between different aspects of ourselves, and of our identities, in processes of selfnegotiation/renegotiation. It can be dialogue with the other: the people not like us – in terms of gender, ethnicity, age, education, politics or sexual orientation etc. - who may appear threatening precisely because of difference; and yet who provide potential access to other ways of thinking and being in the world that enrich our own repertoire of existential possibilities and resources for learning. It could be dialogue with theory and/or between different theoretical perspectives on transformative learning. It could also be a dialogue with a spiritual other or in artistic and diverse forms of creative experience like writing where we are touched to our core, in relationship and new dialogic possibilities. It might be dialogue with characters in literature, or in the symbolic order, like a good idea, with whom we can identify and which affects us in profound, life changing ways. It can be an imaginary dialogue with diverse people who inspire us – whether historical and inspirational characters, including, perhaps, in our own families, as we become more attuned to what has been lost, as well as to marginalised others and histories. It can be dialogue between theory and praxis, as well as with the powerful, who may inhibit who we are and might be; or with oppressed people who might teach us more about a shared humanity, and of our own vulnerability and contingency. Understanding grounded in dialogue, like some of the above, could be at the core of diverse transformative processes. Paulo Freire placed the dialogical at the core of conscientisation and meaningful social as well as personal change. Additionally, Habermas and Mezirow have considered dialogue as a basic component of good communication and transformative learning. It may be important to recognise, in bell hooks (1989) words: 'Dialogue implies talk between two subjects, not the speech of subject and object. It is a humanising speech, one that challenges and resists domination' (hooks, 1989: 131). Supposed dialogue can be reduced to monologue, to silencing and objectification, and this has to be challenged and resisted, as part of creating new transformational possibilities in self as well as in the wider world. We have to ask ourselves the question as to why dialogue is often so difficult, and human connections get broken. We might want to explore the difficulties of dialogue, and why we may not listen or accept another's point of view. Can there be dialogue with the oppressor, the abuser, the racist, or the jihadi, for instance? Is dialogue a kind of

liberal illusion in a conflict ridden and frequently violent world? This is why we chose dialogue as our title and the focus of our second network conference.

1. CONFERENCE PROGRAM

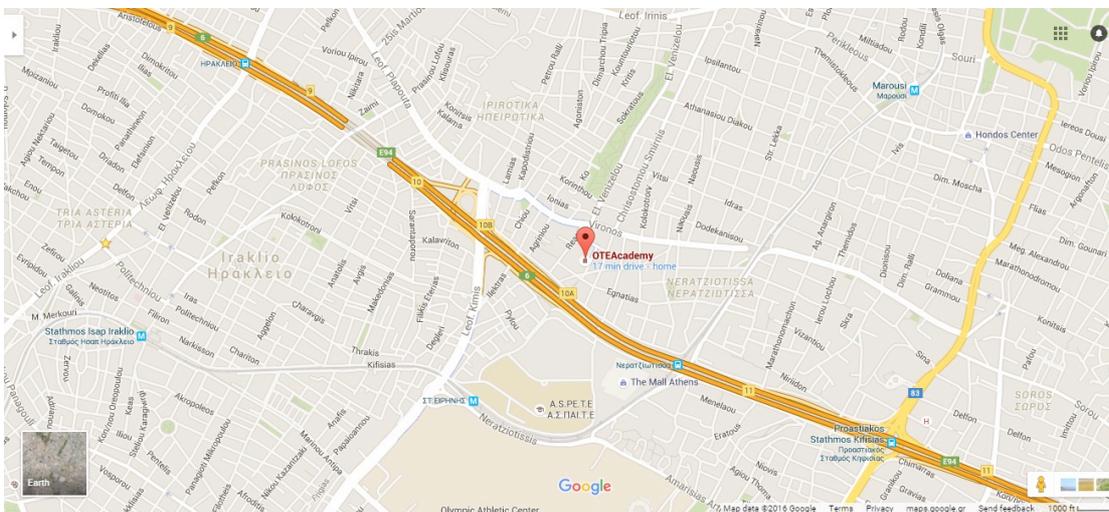
The full program will be available in a few days at <http://esrea-interrogating-tl-processes.com/>

2. CONFERENCE CENTRE

OTE Academy Conference Centre

Address: Pelika & Spartis 1, Maroussi, 151 22, Athens, Greece

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View the area map here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/OTEAcademy/@38.046579,23.78306,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x71ed36eede24bf32?hl=en>

3. CONFERENCE HANDBOOK

During the Conference every participant will be provided with a printed conference handbook which will feature the daily program analytically.

4. REGISTRATION

Please note that the online registration for the Conference is now open. Please click here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sLiqZGemj4iCqWBqCCBqg-ZhoThTkvgHehZkG0PsPrE/viewform>

In case you need help during your registration please contact the Conference organizers directly at: interrogatingtl2016conf@gmail.com

5. CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The papers will be delivered in English. There will also be a session in French. There won't be translation provided.

6. SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 23/06/2016, 17.00-20.00, OTE Academy Conference Centre- Meeting of Senior Scholars with New Researchers: During the meeting there will be working groups concerning transformative learning issues, where new researchers will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with senior scholars and raise questions.

Friday 24/06/2016, 19.00- 21.00 - “Uncovering the City of Athens” guided tour. On Friday afternoon, we will depart from OTE Academy Conference Centre, after the completion of all presentations, by bus for the city centre. There, all participants will be able to see various dimensions of the city-life, such as the migration problem, the financial part of the city, cultural and historic elements, presence of youth etc. Participants will be shared to small groups animated by Greek colleagues.

After the tour participants have a free night. They can have dinner under Acropolis, in Plaka, where there are various restaurants.

Next morning, Saturday the 25th, between 9.30-11.00 at the Conference Centre, all groups will have the opportunity to reflect on the experience of the guided tour.

Saturday 25/06/2016 – Conference Dinner (Cost: 25€, Not included in Registration Fees). Participants will be able to participate in our Conference dinner that will take place in a traditional tavern. There will be a special menu for the participants according to their nutrition preferences.

For all the above social events, you will have to fill in the registration form [here](#). For more questions send an email at interrogatingtl2016conf@gmail.com

7. PAYMENTS/ACCOUNTING

Conference Fees and registration / Conference Dinner (in Euros) EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (until end of April 2016)

ESREA¹ members: 130

HAEA members: 130

Non-members: 180

PhD/Research Students: 70 (a limited number of bursaries for PhD students will be available)*

FULL FEE (after 30th April 2016)

ESREA members: 160

HAEA members: 160

Non-members: 200

PhD/Research Students: 80

Conference Dinner: 25

¹ To become a member of ESREA, visit <http://www.esrea.org> and click on the area “Membership”

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DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME FOR THE DEPOSIT.

Please note that participants will not be entitled to participate in the Conference unless their full payment is received prior to the start of the conference.

All participants will receive their official invoice during their onsite registration at the Conference Registration Desk. In case you need an invoice for your university or institution please send us by email all the necessary information.

In case of any specific requests: Those will be dealt with after the conclusion of the conference. In case of any invoices to be sent after the Conference, those will be digital/scanned copies and they will be emailed to you.