



TERS SPOTLIGHTS

Our hope is that these contributions will inspire you for your future work in the field of transpersonal psychology and the TERS specialization.

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News from the ATP World Congress on Psychology and Spirituality (Delhi, Jan 5-7, 2008)

The world congress in India brought forward an attempt to explore the intersection between psychology and ancient wisdom. With over 300 delegates from across the globe, the conference presented a unique opportunity to foster a deeper understanding for the philosophical constructs that inform the field of Transpersonal Psychology, while recognizing the social context in which these precepts emerged.

The ITP delegation included ITP core faculty David Lukoff, president of the ATP, who presented his own case study on the subject of spiritual emergency. At the conference, David initiated the birth of the forum "International Association of Transpersonal Psychology (IATP)," a network of international colleagues and associations in the field of transpersonal psychology. Join the IATP Google Discussion Group for further development of the forum at <http://groups.google.com/group/international-associations-of-transpersonal-psychology>

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Student Presenters Raksha Chandrashekar and Regina Hess at the ATP World Congress

Raksha Chandrashekar (PhD 4) had a poster presentation on "Diversity in the Field of Transpersonal Psychology." Raksha expressed: "I was delighted to present on diversity issues in Transpersonal Psychology and have some exciting prospects to look forward to in the future. Reflecting on the conference, I believe that it was a wonderful opportunity for me to synergize my academic pursuits at ITP with the culture I was raised in and practice."

Regina Hess (PhD 2) was a member of a panel on "Forgiveness and Positive Psychology" and presented the theoretical framework and practice of the Stanford Forgiveness Training, developed by ITP core faculty Fred Luskin. Regina shared her previous professional background gained in India: "I worked on a research grant for "Women's health and reproductive rights in India" several years ago and now got the opportunity to start new multi-national and multi-cultural collaborations. I am very thankful for all I learned with and from the community at this international transpersonal gathering."

Teaching Experience of Sean Hatt (PhD 4) at the Santa Clara University

"During my pre-doctoral internship at the Counseling Center at Santa Clara University, I was offered to teach a 10 week course called: Foundations of Psychotherapy and Personality. I set about to designing the course that I wish I would have been offered at ITP: One that brought together not only a survey of major theories, including Transpersonal Psychology, but that also touched upon matters of diversity, power in the helping relationship, transpersonal listening skills, and the ability to think critically about the theories through the eyes of a researcher. I designed a course that not only does all of that, it also culminates in the articulation of what I call the Signature Healing Presence. The SHM, as my students have taken to calling it, arises out of a combination of theoretical orientations to which one is naturally drawn to incorporate, the student's personal journey to the work, and learning harvested from nine weeks spent conducting and journaling about a transpersonal listening practice. The design has been a huge success. I am conscious of how life-giving the experience has been for me. I have never felt more at home in my life than I have in front of that classroom. What a blessing!"



THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE & LEARNING PROGRAM

Olga Louchakova (Founder and Director)

Regina Hess (Program Coordinator)

ITP's International Exchange and Learning Program is designed to increase the exchange of ideas and diverse perspectives among scholars in Transpersonal Psychology from around the world. In February 2008 ITP welcomed Jan Mojsa, transpersonal psychotherapist and curriculum developer for counselors and psychotherapists at the "Centre for Transpersonal Psychology," London, UK, as international guest speaker in our international exchange program. Jan's workshop at ITP explored the questions of what it is that makes a "good" transpersonal psychotherapist and found great interest within ITP faculty and students. Our community was inspired by group discussions with Jan on our different (and similar) perspectives and clinical implications. Jan shared her research findings regarding this question and current dilemmas for practitioners and the profession in the UK. Jan's visit was another highly valuable and beneficial experience of transpersonal collaborative learning and exchange.

The next international exchange colloquium at ITP will take place in Fall 2008. We invited the president of EUROTAS Vitor Rodriguez to share his expertise on the subject of parapsychology based on a transpersonal perspective with the ITP community.

News from Portugal:

Master's Degree program in the Science of Consciousness at the University of Lisbon approved

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Lisbon approved the formation of a Master's Degree program in the Science of Consciousness, based on Transpersonal Psychology. ITP students Jacob Kaminker (PhD 1) and Sean Saiter (PhD 2) participated in the project by helping Vitor Rodrigues, the president of Portuguese Transpersonal association and Eurotas president, to collect the data on current graduate level programs and relevant journals in the fields of consciousness studies and transpersonal psychology in the United States and worldwide.

Upcoming Conferences

47th Annual Conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

October 16-18, 2008, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

<http://www.spep.org>

2008 Conference on Nondual Wisdom and Psychotherapy

October 30th – November 2nd, 2008, CIIS, San Francisco

www.wisdompsy.com / Conference organizer Bob Cowart: bob@cowart.com

10th Eurotas Conference: The Planet, Culture, and Consciousness

October 29-November 2, 2008, La Conreria / near Barcelona / Spain

<http://act-transpersonal.blogspot.com>

Proposal submission due date: April 30th, 2008

TERS will build the ITP delegation for the Eurotas conference.

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