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Friday 19th June , 16h a 21:30h

Saturday 20th June de 9:30h. 18:30h

Registration fee 285 €

Registration before 1st June 250€

Workshop In English With Simultaneous Translation To Spanish

Place: At Blanquerna, University Ramon Llull, Department Of Communication and International Relations.

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Collaboration: From Chaos to Creative Flourishing

New practices for challenging times

What kind of world could we build with new practices?



Facilitators:
Kenneth Gergen
and Miriam Subirana

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Creating realities through relationship

- Creating ourselves, creating the future
- From relationships to realities
- The Fluid and the frozen in relationships
- Contemporary challenges to relationship
- Creating new conversations as “forms of life”

(Wittgenstein)

Elements of Relational Practice

- Conversation: From Content to Pragmatics
- What Works: What fails in conversation?
- Co-action and scenario building
- Looking at your own relationships?
- Case study: Appreciative Inquiry

Building New Vocabularies of Relationship

- The challenge of conflict
- Working together toward solutions
- When others fail
- Enhancing innovation
- Relating with those not present

Caring for the Relational Process

- The arts of improvisation
- Toward a relational ethic
- Extending the vision: therapy, education, leadership

Who should participate?

This workshop will be useful for therapists, psychologists, consultants, coaches, social workers, teachers, managers, and all those working together with others.

How will you benefit?

It is together that we create the meaning of our world, what we take to be real, rational, and valuable. And in our relations, we also create the meaning of each other –who we are to each other, how important. Our well-being is critically dependent, then, on our practices of relationship. But how do we care for these practices, especially in current conditions of rapid change, high stress, and multiple commitments? This question is central to the well-being of individuals, families, communities, and the workplace. If relationships erode, all are threatened

It is the purpose of this workshop to explore new routes to flourishing relationships. Traditional practices center on the well-being of the individual actors, with resulting tensions, misunderstandings and alienation. In this workshop we shift the focus to practices for relational care. After demonstrating a range of these practices, we will join together to create new ways of relating – especially in challenging conditions where opinions or values clash, where problems must be solved, where there are disappointments, and so on. In the end, participants should be able to explore the potentials for continuous creative action in their own relational worlds..



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