A CALL FOR WORKSHOPS, PAPERS, & POSTERS

Connecting the Integral Kosmopolitan

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Announcing the Third Biennial Integral Theory Conference

From July 18th to July 21st, 2013, MetaIntegral Foundation will host the third biennial Integral Theory Conference, the world’s largest academic conference devoted to the field of Integral Theory and practice. The conference will take place at the Airport Marriott Hotel, a wonderful space overlooking the San Francisco Bay and just minutes from San Francisco International Airport. As with the first two conferences, we expect this event to sell out with over 500 people in attendance. ITC 2013 will be held in partnership with Integral Institute and is launching with the support of our Diamond Sponsor, Integral Coaching Canada.

The theme of this third ITC event is: Connecting the Integral Kosmopolitan. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a cosmopolitan person holds a view that is “worldwide rather than limited or provincial in scope or bearing.” The Integral Kosmopolitan has this expansive understanding of the integral field—one that sees integral as a broad and diverse tradition constituted of multiple authors, lineages, and influences. This focus builds on the momentum of the opening talk of the 2010 conference, as well as several of the key papers presented there, all of which shared an interest in advancing the field of Integral Theory by seeing Ken Wilber’s AQAL vision as a profound and seminal contribution, serving as a solid basis for expanded enactments of Integral Theory. The goal of ITC 2013 is to bring together Integral Kosmopolitans to connect and engage with one another, so that we may continue to enact integral as a burgeoning academic discipline. Our hope is to foster a view that understands integral as:

- A Multiple Object (there are many legitimate ways to enact integral)
- Trans-lineage (there are many legitimate integral traditions and thinkers)
- Historically Situated (integral has emerged over decades, not only in the past 15 years)
- Kosmocentric (integral is not only a worldcentric phenomenon, but a Kosmocentric evolution)
- Meta-Disciplinary (providing ways to relate various disciplinary traditions)
- Both a stage of post-formal psychological development and a cultural worldview

The themes of connection and cosmopolitanism will inform the heart of the conference, including our series of keynote presentations. On the opening night Sean Esbjörn-Hargens will build on the momentum of the opening talk at ITC 2010 and introduce his new theoretical model—which combines the strongest contributions of three prominent integral thinkers: Ken Wilber, Roy Bhaskar, and Edgar Morin. On the second night Roy Bhaskar will introduce participants to his model of Critical Realism and highlight its connection to and contrasts with Integral Theory. On the third night Edgar Morin will introduce participants to transdisciplinarity and his work in Complex Thought. Critical Realism and Complex Thought represent two of the most well-developed and widely applied traditions of integrative thought and application alongside Integral Theory.

Given the international stature of Roy Bhaskar and Edgar Morin, we are envisioning that ITC 2013 will serve as a meeting point for students and scholars of their work. It is our aim to foster meaningful exchange between these two important streams of integrative thought and the community of Integral Theory—thereby Connecting the Integral Kosmopolitan and deepening and expanding the field of Integral Theory.
A Focus on the Intersubjective and Interobjective Dimensions

In keeping with the themes of connection and cosmopolitanism, ITC 2013 is seeking presentations that highlight intersubjective and interobjective dimensions of reality—what Integral Theory would refer to as the Lower-Left and Lower-Right quadrant perspectives. Although we will be accepting submissions from all perspectives—based on strength of the work—we encourage participants to offer papers that highlight the following subject matter through integral lenses and research:

- Comparisons of various integral theories
- Community development
- Social systems (e.g., political, economic, educational)
- Business & organizational development
- Cultural & social phenomena
- Intersubjectivity & relationship dynamics
- Religious traditions & philosophical discourse
- Ecological & environmental realities

Information will be provided below detailing:

- Call for Pre-Conference Workshops
- Call for Papers and Presentations
- Call for Poster Presentations

Please note: All accepted presenters—whether doing workshop, paper/presentation, or poster—will receive a discount on their registration fee. Details are given below.

Call for Pre-Conference Workshops

We are pleased to announce that the 2013 conference will include half-day and full-day pre-conference workshops on Thursday, July 18th. The submission deadline for workshop proposals is August 15th, 2012. Notification of acceptance or rejection will occur on October 1st, 2012.

We anticipate having up to three full-day and six half-day workshops, depending on the number and quality of proposals. Workshops may be academic, applied/practical, or experiential in focus. In general, any topic that is acceptable for papers and presentations (see below) is acceptable for workshops.

Please note: Individuals accepted for workshop presentations will have their entire tuition fee for the conference waived. They will also receive a complete set of the 2013 conference recordings (MP3s), a copy of the book Enacting an Integral Future: New Horizons for Integral Theory (SUNY Press, 2013) edited by Sean Esbjörn-Hargens, and an invitation to attend a private, catered lunch along with the Conference Organizers on the Saturday of the conference.
Workshop Proposal Submission Guidelines

Because of the highly competitive nature of the process, we need a uniform way of comparing presentations. Submissions that do not conform to the following guidelines will not be considered.

Proposals should be single spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font and include:

- A 250-400 word abstract of your proposed workshop along with a title, institutional affiliation of the presenters (if any), and contact information. Include a brief justification for the workshop, including anticipated benefits to the integral academic community.
- A two-page outline which details the organization of your workshop. Include the specific topics and subtopics you plan to cover as well as any experiential exercises and multimedia elements you plan to include.
- Please include 75-100 word biographies and up-to-date CVs for each member of the presentation team.
- Suggest a target audience and the maximum and minimum number of participants for the workshop.

Workshop proposals will be subject to a refereed review process. The deadline for workshop proposals is **August 15th, 2012**. Please send your proposals or any questions you might have to ITC@metaintegral.org.

Call for Papers and Presentations

At this time, the conference will begin accepting presentation proposals. The submission deadline for proposals is **August 15th, 2012**. Notification of acceptance or rejection will occur on **October 1st, 2012**. We anticipate having 80 spaces for presentations, but well over that number of submissions; it will be a competitive process. Those presenters and presentation teams that are accepted will be required to submit a 15-20 page double-spaced scholarly paper detailing their work by **May 15th, 2013**.

The length of the presentations will be either 60 minutes or 90 minutes. The 60-minute presentations should include at least 15 minutes for questions and discussion, while 90-minute presentations should include at least 30 minutes for this purpose. The length of presentation offered will be given upon notification of acceptance. We expect presenters to strike a creative balance between 3rd-person didactical, 2nd-person dialogical, and 1st-person experiential components. As with previous conferences, all presentations will be recorded for an MP3 disc. By sending in and accepting a proposal, presenters agree to this recording process.

While it is expected that many presentations will reference the AQAL model associated with Integral Theory, presentations which feature alternative integral perspectives (e.g., Gebser, Aurobindo, Steiner) and critiques of the AQAL model are strongly encouraged. In addition, we are also actively seeking presentations that present or engage Bhaskar’s Critical Realism and Morin’s Complex Thought.
As with the first two conferences, MetaIntegral Foundation and our sponsors are proud to co-sponsor ten $500 awards for Best Paper at the Integral Theory Conference.

- Four awards will be given for the best presentations and papers from each of the quadrant perspectives associated with Integral Theory
- One award will be given for best overall theoretical contribution
- One award will be given for best overall empirical or research contribution
- One award will be given for best constructive criticism of Integral Theory
- One award will be given for best alternative to Integral Theory
- One award will be given for best engagement with Critical Realism
- One award will be given for best engagement with Complex Thought

Please note: All professionals who are accepted for papers/presentations will receive a $100 reduction on their tuition fee for the conference. All students who are accepted will receive a $60 reduction. These Best Papers along with some other outstanding papers from the conference will be published in the *Journal of Integral Theory and Practice* and may appear in an anthology as part of the SUNY Press series in Integral Theory. A list of the 2008 and 2010 awards for Best Paper can be found on the conference website (www.integraltheoryconference.org). A new version of the website will launch soon.

**Theory and Research Presentations**

Theory and research presentations may either include discussions of specific research results, assessment tools, and areas of theoretical interest or more broadly address issues of methodological pluralism or draw theoretical comparisons (e.g., Wilber as compared to Bhaskar). These presentations should use concrete examples of application when possible to illustrate their theoretical points. Presentations on theory and research may focus on any of the following areas:

- **Integral Research** (e.g., study results, the development of specific measures, Integral Methodological Pluralism, mixed method designs, and validity)
- **Alternative and Complementary Approaches to Integral Theory** (e.g., integral pioneers like Solovyov, Gebser, Aurobindo, and Sorokin, as well as various recent voices such as Almaas, Bhaskar, Edwards, Morin, and Ritzer)
- **Critical Views of Integral Theory** (e.g., limits of current interpretations, missing components, and textual analysis of Wilber’s writings)
- **Improvements to Integral Theory** (e.g., further differentiations, clarifications, expanded analysis, recommendations, and new interpretations of AQAL)

**Applied Presentations**

Presentations that focus on specific applications of Integral Theory will receive greater consideration than broad overviews. For example, rather than presenting how quadrants, levels, lines, states, and types apply in general to sustainability, presentations that go into detail concerning the use of one or two aspects of Integral Theory and present case study material will be prioritized.
Also, we value applications that highlight what did not work or illuminate areas of concern regarding a given integral approach.

Presentations on application may address any number of areas including the following:

- **Individual Transformation** (e.g., psychotherapy, coaching, Integral Life Practice)
- **Community Wellbeing** (e.g., medicine, healthcare, nursing, social work)
- **Institutional Development** (e.g., legal, economic, education)
- **Global Dynamics** (e.g., ecology, sustainability, politics, international development)
- **Spirituality** (e.g., pastoral care, consciousness, Integral Buddhism, spiritual direction)
- **Aesthetic Expressions** (e.g., art, creative writing, film analysis, movement)
- **Gender Explorations** (e.g., sexuality, embodiment, feminism)
- **Organizational Realities** (e.g., business, leadership, management)

**Presentation/Paper Submission Guidelines**

**Please note:** Because of the highly competitive nature of the process, we need a uniform way of comparing presentations. Submissions that do not conform to the following guidelines will not be considered.

Proposals should be single spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font and include:

- A 250-300 word abstract of your proposed presentation along with a title, institutional affiliation of the presenters (if any), and contact information
- A two-page outline which details the organization of your presentation. Include the specific topics and subtopics you plan to cover as well as any experiential exercises and multimedia elements you plan to include
- Please include a 75-100 word biography of each presenter on your team
- A 15-20 page, double-spaced original (i.e., unpublished) scholarly paper to be submitted by May 15th, 2013. Papers are needed by this date to allow the Best Paper Awards committee to review all of them as well as for general preparation and planning (e.g., compiling the abstract book). **Please note:** In rare cases we may accept a paper that has been accepted for publication or has recently been published. Failing to produce a paper on this date will result in your presentation spot being given to a presenter on the waitlist with a scholarly paper

Proposals will be subject to a refereed review process. The deadline for proposals is August 15th, 2012. Please send proposals or any questions you might have to: ITC@metaintegral.org.
Call for Poster Presentations

At this time the conference will also begin accepting proposals for poster presentations. We especially encourage current undergraduate and graduate students to consider submitting proposals for posters. The submission deadline for poster presentations is **November 15th, 2012.** Notification of acceptance or rejection will occur on **January 15th, 2013.** Please note: The deadline is later than the presentation deadline so as to give those who were not able to get a presentation slot a chance to submit a poster presentation if they so choose.

Poster presentations involve creating a visual representation of your work on poster board, usually involving some combination of an abstract, graphs, tables, figures/images, and schematics. Conference attendees will circulate through the space during the times you will be presenting, viewing the posters and collecting written information during the specified periods. A 3 to 5 minute verbal presentation should be prepared to help introduce your ideas and topic to attendees. Presenters can also provide attendees copies of your paper or handouts that summarize your key points.

In 2010, the poster presentation room was highly successful as it was located right next to the main lobby and keynote presentation area. In 2013, we anticipate a similar arrangement with poster presentations located near the keynote presentation area and presentation times during the evening—to give posters maximum exposure. MetaIntegral Foundation and the conference sponsors are also proud to **co-sponsor two $250 awards for the best poster presentations.** Winners will be decided at the conference itself based on content and presentation.

While it is expected that many presentations will reference the AQAL model, posters that feature alternative perspectives and critiques of the AQAL model are strongly encouraged, especially those which feature Critical Realism or Complex Thought.

Please note: All individuals who are accepted for poster presentations will receive a **$50 reduction** on their tuition fee for the conference.

**Poster Presentation Submission Guidelines**

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Proposals should be single spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font and include:

- A 250-300 word abstract of your poster topic along with a title, institutional affiliation of the presenters (if any), and contact information
- A one-page outline which details the organization of your presentation. Include the specific topics and subtopics you plan to cover as well as any multimedia elements you plan to include (e.g., a video run from a DVD player or laptop)
- Please include a 75-100 biography of each presenter on your team
Proposals will be subject to a refereed review process. As noted above the deadline for proposals is **November 15th, 2012**. Please send proposals or any questions you might have to ITC@metaintegral.org. Notification of acceptance or rejection will occur on **January 15th, 2013**.

**ITC 2013—Connecting the Integral Kosmopolitan**—promises to be an exceptionally rich and exciting space for dialogue, community building, theory exchange, and engaged practice. We hope to see you there!

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