



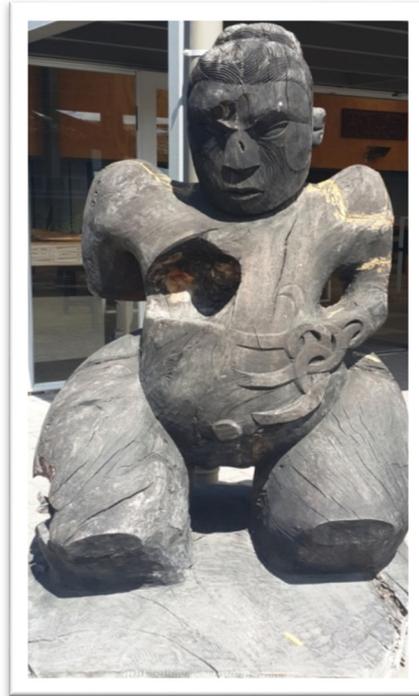
The Meta Integral Theory Conference – BE IMPACT!

(Sonoma Valley, California USA)

Stimulating, inspirational, at times brilliant, yet always deeply thought provoking! A wonderful experience of like-minded people, friends and colleagues gathered to share integral theory and practice in order to foster a global academic community navigating issues of complexity and epistemological integration. The conference engaged a diverse, multidisciplinary and trans-generational community of people deeply interested in the crucial conversations facing our world today with the intent of making deep impact through multi-perspectival approaches to the study of human society and its environment.

I shared wonderful moments with our Centre for Leadership Maturity Partners, Dr Susanne Cook-Greuter and Beena Sharma – with whom I contributed to the pre-course workshops. Their voices were strong in the field of working with the gross, and subtle shifts of transitioning through our adult stages of ego development and the impact this has on personal growth and leadership development. And of course – Susanne always brings to this community and the world her focus on ‘Big Womb’ – that capacity to hold, nurture, grow and create that is so needed for us to truly become human. This brings an important perspective to the well known views created by the concepts of ‘Big Mind’ and ‘Big Heart’ – also necessary to the work that needs to be done on both personal and global, societal territories of experience.

In addition to keenly following the debates on developmental challenges, I had conversations with, and attended presentations by a number of people who moved me deeply.



- ⊕ Prof Karen O'Brien (Univ. of Oslo) who looked at what we mean by transformation in the context of climate change, and why it is both personal and political through an adaptive frame by using the integral approach.
- ⊕ Prof Bill Torbert – whose Collaborative Developmental Action Inquiry work offers ways in which to work with mutually transforming power along with non-possessive love; how change leaders can work with triple-loop feedback for deeper impact.
- ⊕ Elze S. Maalouf – CEO for Emergence Middle East – shared with us her way of using integral design for large scale systems in Israel/Palestine, in her work with feudal and tribal leaders who hold the key to future development in this region by elevating consciousness and empowering key individuals to redefine responsible profit while simultaneously capturing market-share.

And of course there was the brilliant mind of Ken Wilber who streamed in with views on the Frothy Edge of Geopolitical Impact, and a brief look at epistemology and pluralistic ontology in the role of nation building; Don Beck and the work done in South Africa and other nations on Racial and Political Stereotypes; Sean Esbjörn-Hargens – founder of MetaIntegral; Terry Paton, and Roger Walsh to name a few. There were amazing sessions on assessment, investment, cross-culture work, psychotherapy, art, and spirituality with a remarkable solo performance by Aaron Davidman, that was riveting, yearning and powerful as he took on characters dealing with the complexities of identity, history, and social justice, which echoed many of our own South African stories.



Prof. Bill Torbert (Action Inquiry Leadership) and Dr. Susanne Cook-Greuter (Centre for Leadership Maturity)

We danced, we did yoga, we debated, and we ate great food with a vibrant and stimulating community.

This, and many other reasons extending from the work we have been doing in South Africa and across many other countries, through TCC, has given birth to the Integral⁺ Africa Institute™. Our vision is to foster integral thought leadership, practice, design and application, through the work we do and by collaborating with many other like-minded communities to do the same. We are committed *to consciously creating spaces to think, be and excel; to work with individual brilliance in all its diversity; to be able to skilfully communicate through and with others as integral to our evolution and healing; and to shift consciousness to become more healthy, more resourceful and more sustainable by actively creating the conditions where tangible outcomes are deeply connected to enlightened conscious, comprehensive and mature mindsets.*

It is time for us to become activists of consciousness through living as truly human!

Join this revolution – be part of conscious evolution!

Be impact!

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