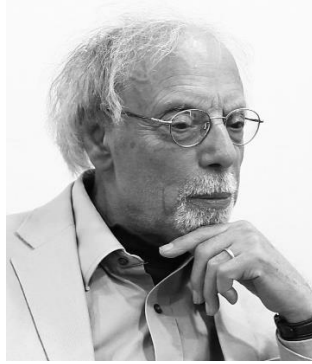


Otto Laske Interdevelopmental Institute (IDM)

PRACTICA IN DIALECTICAL THINKING



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IDM is the institution with the longest record of teaching dialectical thinking in the USA. Founded in 2000, IDM developed a now much refined curriculum for professionals of all kinds, to put to use their developmental resources for breaking the 'logical thinking habit', thereby moving toward a holistic and transformational way of encountering the real, social, and cultural worlds. In its newest form, IDM teaching has fully absorbed Critical Realism, with a focus on understanding and boosting human agency. Nothing boosts the latter more than does dialectic.

In addition to long-term case studies leading to the practice of dialectic in organizations, IDM offers short-term, ten session **Practica**. These Practica are attended by up to 15 participants working together for up to 4 months, to acquire a professional grounding in the practice of dialectical thinking. Applications of this practice are found in areas such as permaculture, city planning, ecological rewilding, architectural design, art making, and others.

IDM Practica are graduate courses. Those who attend them are propelled by the desire to leave behind the highly restrictive and warped, strictly logical, conceptualizations taught at universities and colleges that do nothing but turn open into closed systems, and in so doing eliminate the transformational dimension of living systems. Participants form teams whose members are responsible not only for their own learning but also take responsibility for their co-learners' success in revolutionizing their thinking and themselves. As social and cultural agents, they come to see a broader field for their endeavors than they have so far been able to envision.

Logistics

Pre-conditions: a college education in the sense of US institutions.

Preparations: a reading knowledge of IDM Gateway and, if possible, of Otto Laske's volume 2 of *Measuring Hidden Dimensions* (2008, 3rd edition 2017).

Attendance: ten Zoom sessions of 1 ½ hours each, extending over 3-4 months, which require independent cohort 'home' work in addition to meetings with Otto Laske.

Language of Instruction: English; German is possible.

Certification: Two levels: (1) Foundations of Dialectical Thinking, (2) Advanced Dialectical Thinking (which presupposes (1)).

Tuition: to be determined.

Payment: in full prior to the start of a cohort, to Laske and Associates LLC, Citizens Bank, Providence, Rhode Island.

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