

6th October 2017 Workshop: bell hook's Teaching to Transgress: Education as a Practice of Freedom

The classroom, in the philosophical context of western dualism, is a space predicated on the belief of a split between mind and body. According to bell hooks, those of us trained in this form of thinking, enter the classroom to teach and learn as if only our minds are present. To call attention to our bodies is to betray the legacy of repression and denial that is created by white, capitalist patriarchy. The seminar will draw on bell hooks', Teaching to Transgress and Paulo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed and Augusto Boal's work with theater and liberation to look at ways of transforming the practice of education into a liberatory process for both the teacher and the student. What does engaged pedagogy look like? What kind of emotional and spiritual labor is necessary to change our relationship to learning as a holistic process of healing? How can we practice radical vulnerability as part of a process that clears our path towards grounded self-awareness and action? The workshop is highly participatory and requires the active engagement of all participants.

- Introductions of the workshop and my history of teaching
- Yoga asana inversion, change blood flow
- Extended group introductions, what are your intentions/questions/ what do you want the group to know about you/ any fears?
- Reading of short text
- Discussion or Theater of the oppressed exercise from games for actors and non-actors- Augusto Boal (will research further)
- Free associative writing/sketching around theme of what is your personal practice of freedom(?)
- Personal experience, etc., imagined spaces, conditions-review of concepts
- Asana Inversion
- Closing session

The workshop is aimed at employees of and those active in development aid NGO, but is also open to the interested public. A basic understanding of power-critical perspectives is a prerequisite. The workshop is organized by global e.V. and will take place on **Friday the 6th of October, 2017 from 10:00–17:30.**

Place: aquarium (Südblock), Skalitzerstr. 6, 10999 Berlin

The workshop will be conducted by: Rajkamal Kahlon

Participation is **free and binding**

Send registration with the following information by the 22nd of September, 2017 at the latest, to anmeldung@global.org

- Name and organization (when relevant) as well as area of responsibility

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