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DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

of

Mr. Diego Tapia Figueroa

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**Summary**

The present investigation, understood as a process of relational construction, is the description of the training and supervision with psychologists and social workers of an Ecuadorian NGO, and involved: co-research of the sustained dialogues, with these professional teams about their work experience in their communities; reflection on the impact of this training on the local culture of the team; joint reading research in three years. The three processes have been based on a socioconstructionist position, where the criteria for understanding knowledge have to do with its usefulness - to whom is this knowledge useful and how is it valuable - with its generativity - how will this knowledge contribute to the community so that it continues co-constructing possibilities and future sets? -. We come from many different local experiences that have been socially constructed and we are going to put them to interact to develop new possibilities for finding new meanings, learning new ways of being in this world.

With a method that meant being relationally responsible while being in sync with the relationship itself. With curiosity and respect, sustaining the tension of the difference, creating a context for the dialogue, facilitating the participants to connect and get involved in new ways of talking together.

The present work is the description of that trip, trusting in the dialogue, collaborative learning and the effort of generating transformative social actions.

**Curriculum Vitae**

Diego Tapia Figueroa (Quito-Ecuador-19-03-1962)

My favorite words are: uncertainties, complexity, relationships, dialogue, collaboration, gladness, metamorphosis, poesy, possibilities, future.

Co-creator and Founder of the Relational and Socioconstructionist Institute of Ecuador (IRYSE), and Socioconstructionist dissemination blog in Ecuador (http://iryse.blogspot.com/), 2018.

I studied cinematography in the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia of Roma-Italy (the oldest cinematography school of the world). I have also a degree in Social Communication (Ambato-Ecuador). I made a postgrad or master degree in Systemic Familiar Therapy (Quito-Ecuador). I studied a Doctorate in Literature in which I am Alumni (Quito-Ecuador).

I have been a university teacher for twenty years in ten universities of Ecuador

As part of my academic and clinical work in the master program of therapy, I published three books (compilations), for the internal use of students. I have sustained a clinic supervision space (coordinating it) in Quito, Sharing the Social constructivist philosophy and the collaborative practices since the year 2008 until now. I also have a private therapy consult.

Member of the Relational Research and Global Dialogue Network of the TAOS INSTITUTE; since March 2016.