

The Emergent Rebel: Tod Sloan's legacy in critical psychology and beyond

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SUMMARY: What follows are my reflections working with Tod Sloan within the context of *The Global Centre for Advanced Studies* (GCAS) and GCAS College.

KEY WORDS: western capitalism; neo-conservatism; ruling ideology of neoliberalism; soft-war on education; Lewis Powell memo; defunded universities; decentralized global academic/activist communities; *The Global Center for Advanced Studies*.

I am not, nor do I pretend to be, very knowledgeable about the discipline of critical psychology. I was trained under Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank in philosophy and religion. At the same time, along with over 100 theorists, artists and activists, I co-created GCAS in 2013 with Tod Sloan. GCAS created an alternative academic space whose foundations purposely evade the link between monetary power and interest (cause – as the ruling ideology of neoliberalism) and academic production (effect). Through the help of Tod Sloan, along with other professors and students, GCAS has matured into an internally self-reproducing organ of academic production based on a decentralized eco-system. GCAS' academic production is, therefore, at the same time, a materialist mode of production and thus synthesizes theory and action not contingent on a capitalist ideological outlook predicated on 'profit/debt' outcomes. In this way, GCAS takes seriously, Karl Marx's 11 Thesis on

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