

Proposal for Courses and a Certificate at the Institute for Critical Psychology, Global Center for Advanced Studies

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SUMMARY: Mission – to contribute to the transformation of the professional practices of psychology, psychotherapy and counseling through ideology critique, decolonizing strategies, and the development of emancipatory forms of practice, including direct engagement with activists and social movements.

KEY WORDS: critical social theory, feminist psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, dialogue, community engagement, deep democracy, direct action, Global Center for Advanced Studies (GCAS).

Background

Since the late 1800s, ‘scientific’ psychology and its clinical and organizational applications have intended to contribute to human betterment. Yet, given its origins in the objectifying natural sciences, patriarchy, and Enlightenment rationalism, the dominant psychology has primarily contributed to alienation, mechanisms of social control, and the maintenance of the status quo.

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1. Tod Sloan wrote and submitted this proposal in... to the Global Center for Advanced Studies <https://gcas.ie/> It was subsequently approved. *Critical Psychology as Radical Praxis: theoretical resources and practical applications* by Robert K Beshara is currently available as a result of that proposal: https://gcas.matrixlms.eu/visitor_catalog_class/show/4305/Critical-Psychology-as-Radical-Praxis-Theoretical-Resources-and-Practical-Applications
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