



INVITATION ● SPT research gathering

Norre Sende • Denmark 28th – 29th January 2019

The SPT Research Gathering is a part of the Presencing Institute's intention to initiate a global network of researchers who, over the next decade, will advance the field of awareness-based action research by co-developing the concepts, methods, tools and frames needed to illuminate and catalyze the evolution of social fields. The background of this work has emerged at the intersection of science, consciousness, and profound social change. And it is rooted in three core assumptions:

- You cannot understand a system unless you change it (Kurt Lewin);
- You cannot change a system unless you transform consciousness;
- You cannot transform consciousness unless the system senses and sees itself.

We seek to bring together 1st, 2nd and 3rd person perspectives on social field evolution that include, but are not limited to, these fields of practice:

1st person—microphenomenology, qualitative and/or grounded theory interviews, autoethnography

2nd person—Social Presencing Theatre, Generative Scribing and other social arts, Participative Action Research

3rd person—quantitative approaches, standardized instruments, physiological measurement

FORMAT

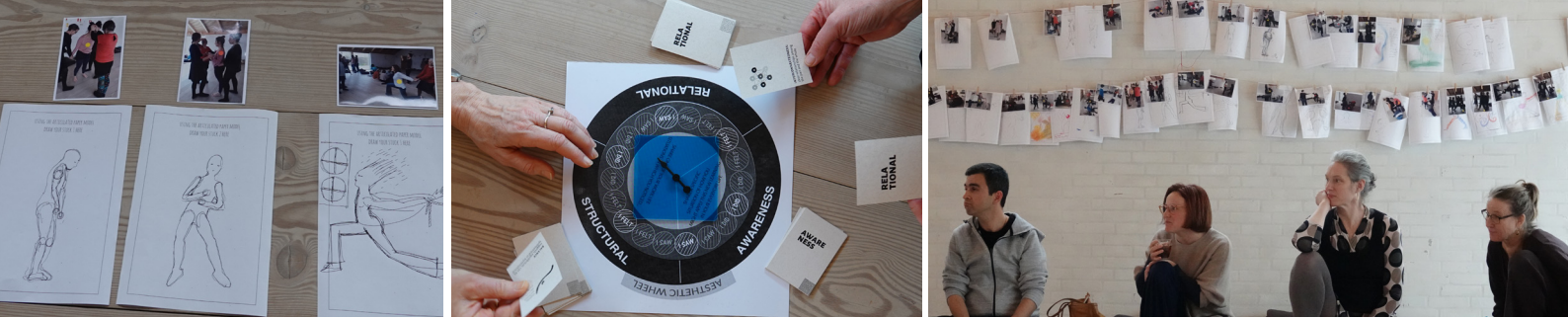
Initially we will lay out the basic ground framing (to state where we depart from), followed by a studio-like format. Beginning from the assumption of being advanced practitioners, we collectively investigate social field shifts, through SPT practices and reflection protocols. This will be a process driven by questions and our own experiences. It is, hence, focused on two core aspects:

1. enhancing and deepening first person observation;
2. invention/ adaptation/ creation of research methods that are resonant with the views of this work.

PARTICIPANTS

- Researchers (currently affiliated to a university), who are or wish to apply SPT as a research methodology;
- SPT or Theory U practitioners who are informed by a reflexive practice, driven by research;
- Practitioners using SPT in their own field/context and willing to integrate a more reflexive approach to their work and its impact.

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PROGRAM ● SPT research gathering

– these are some of the questions the program will focus on:

SPT as a research methodology

- How do we develop SPT as a research methodology?
- What does SPT as an awareness based action research methodology can mean?
- What processes, tools, ways of researching/reflecting can be incorporated or made central to this methodology?

Research community

- How is SPT as research reflected in our research practice?
What are the possible ways SPT is showing up in our action research work?
- How do we shape an advanced community of research practitioners?
What does 'advanced' mean?
- What is our 'research topics map'?"? Topics, areas of interest and work?

This program begins a research dialogue that will culminate with the Social Field Research Summer School. An invitation-only gathering, organized by the Presencing Institute, to mobilize a global community of researchers, meeting in Berlin June 27-30th 2019.

PRACTICALITIES

Location: The gathering will take place in Denmark, at SOL15 (www.vaekstcenteret.dk) in the small town of Norre Snede in Jylland. The nearby Billund Airport, is distanced 30-40 min by car. Further information on the location, transport and accommodation will be provided to all approved participants.

Dates: The program runs for two days, starting Monday morning the 28th at 9 am and closing at 4 pm on Tuesday the 29th. Voluntary evening program Monday.

Participation fee for the program is 400 \$ incl. VAT (fee for participants outside EU is 300 \$, excl. VAT)

The fee includes all meals and accommodation in private homes of people in the Vaekstcenter community. Payment is to be made upon confirmation of participation.

ORGANIZING

The gathering is organized and hosted by Michael, Anders and Ninni, in dialog with Arawana and Ricardo. As part of the community building and overall economy, all participants take part in 'the collective dance' of practicalities during the event, such as preparing food and cleaning.

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