

IFIS-Online-Colloquium

The Institute for Integral Studies invites you to the **IFIS Online Colloquium n° 20**:

Time:	Wednesday, January 23rd 2019 , at 20.00-22.00 h , Zoom meeting.
Presenter:	Bernard LeRoux , Facilitator and Mediator, Dialogues, Sweden
Topic:	<i>Transforming a Top-down Political and Administrative Culture to one of Dialogue and Inclusion</i>

Details

The challenge of building a culture of dialogue and inclusion within local government is full of obstacles. The colloquium will highlight the steps that make such a shift possible and also the problems that arise – mostly within the local government organization. The shift requires a new way of thinking and new ways of working. This is often difficult for sectors of the organization where linear planning is the norm. When faced with complex problems or tension, control is often the answer. We are attempting to create a culture where we move between certainty and uncertainty, together with politicians, civil servants and the public. The story of Falköping, a municipality in West Sweden, illustrates our journey.

Short bio of the presenter



Bernard le Roux (* 1963), Mediator and Facilitator of complex social conflicts, has studied Commerce and Law at the universities of Stellenbosch and Cape Town. He has 20 years of professional experience in mediation and facilitation in different social fields. He is currently working with the Swedish Association of Municipalities and Regions (SALAR) with local authorities and regions on a number of dialogue processes involving complex problems. As a consultant, he supports several local authorities in developing new forms of public participation and is involved in a larger project involving training and policy formation for mediation of social conflicts in Colombia.

Note: The Colloquium will be held in English.



If you wish to participate, please register with us by January 20, 2019 at info@ifis-freiburg.de.

Registered participants will receive the Zoom invite upon registration.

More info on the IFIS Online Colloquium:

The main **intent of our Colloquium** – in line with [IFIS' general mission and purpose](#) – is to help connect interested integrally oriented researchers and practitioners by offering them a forum to exchange experiences around innovative approaches to complex social challenges. The colloquium is designed to strengthen the dialog and connection between IFIS' members and friends, mostly spread out in different countries and even continents. We also hope to attract new colleagues to join us and be part of IFIS' community of [integral research and inquiry](#).

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