

## IFIS-Online-Colloquium

The Institute for Integral Studies invites you to the **IFIS Online Colloquium n° 5**:

<b>Time:</b>	Wednesday, <b>April 26th, 2017</b> , at <b>20.00-22.00 h</b> , Zoom meeting.
<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Thomas Jordan, Associate professor</b> , Department of sociology and work science, Gothenburg university, Sweden.
<b>Topic:</b>	Scaffolding perspective awareness. How to support individuals, groups and organization to develop awareness and skills in productively using multiple perspectives.

### Details

In this Colloquium session Thomas Jordan will describe “perspective awareness” as a critical skill needed for our societies to handle complex challenges skillfully. Examples of such challenges are integration of refugees, dealing with climate change, societal change regarding employment and technology and public health. Perspective awareness is a more descriptive term for what many in integral circles know as “vision-logic” (Ken Wilber). With more perspective awareness, we might have less of unproductive debating among polarized perspectives, and more creative use of tensions between perspectives in order to inform strategy development for significant societal and organizational issues. Thomas will outline a number of different concepts, frameworks and pedagogical formats that may be useful in scaffolding the development of awareness of and skill in using contrasting properties of different types of perspectives, and invite participants to talk about further possibilities in developing powerful forms of scaffolding this key skill.

### Short bio of the presenter



Thomas Jordan, Ph.D., is a senior lecturer and researcher at the Gothenburg university, focusing on conflict management, methods for managing complex issues and consciousness development. He is currently leading a research project on theories of change in local initiatives to facilitate the integration of refugees and other immigrants in Swedish suburbs. He divides his time between research, teaching and supervising at the university, leading workshops and coaching in his own consulting firm, specializing in training in professional conflict management. He has been one of the associate editors of *Integral Review* since 2005. He has published a large number of articles and reports, as well as two textbooks on conflict management (in Swedish).



**If you wish to participate, please register with us by April 20** at [info@ifis-freiburg.de](mailto: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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