



Liberation Psychology

English language Liberation Psychology Network

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This international network helps users of English discover and share resources, experiences and new directions in Liberation Psychology.

Liberation psychology began in Latin America. It drew on currents of radical and critical praxis from that region and beyond and was first proposed by Ignacio Martín Baró at the Universidad Centroamericana in El Salvador.

Some Liberation Psychology material has appeared in English, but most, including nearly all of Martín Baró's work, is only available in Spanish. It deserves being better known by those who do not read Spanish.

Liberation psychology is relevant to the work of psychologists and their allies concerned with oppression and exclusion, social trauma, social movements and resistance in the global South, and in core countries of the world system. Many people use English either as a first language or as their route of access to the international literature.

Latin American liberation psychology has focussed on the particular situation and identity of Latin America but exclusion and exploitation happens everywhere. If the Liberation Psychology of Martín Baró and other Latin American comrades was the first Liberation Psychology, our world desperately needs a Second Liberation Psychology, not to replace their efforts but to take them further so we have a global Liberation Psychology for the extremely challenging situation that we find ourselves in more than 25 years after Martín Baró's murder.

The Network:

- *Connects like minded workers, who are often isolated, to share their understandings and practical experience of liberatory approaches and to offer mutual support.*
- *Provides access to the key ideas and works of Latin American liberation psychology and kindred approaches. Our website links and hosts English language works (written as well as audio-visual) Network members with knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese are key bridging resource.*
- *Offers a bridge between workers in Latin America and other regions of the global South, and with those in core regions concerned with the "South" in our midst (exploitation, migration, war, (neo-)colonialism and exclusion of the Other).*
- *Explores what Liberation Psychology means in contexts other than Latin America.*
- *Hosts a web portal and blog which is enabled as a social network, and an email list.*

The network is what its members make it. The possibilities are only limited by our imagination, energy and willingness to try new ways of doing Liberation Psychology: the constructively practical critical psychology.

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