

4th International Conference on the Dialogical Self
(ICDS-4)

University of Minho
Braga, Portugal

June 1-3, 2006

General Information about the Conference

Note: It was not possible to save the materials from the original web site for this conference in their original form. However, we have assembled these pages based upon their original form from the conference web site for archival purposes. This array of general information is complemented by a much larger *Book of Abstracts* from the Conference.

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Introduction

The conference's scientific focus The concept of dialogical self, taking advantage of the rich philosophical tradition concerning dialogue, represents a relatively new development in psychology. It is closely related to narrative psychology, constructivism, and cultural psychology. It has a broad scope ranging from literary sciences to brain research and from empirical psychology to psychotherapy practice. It brings together contributions from different fields of psychology, like personality, developmental, social, and clinical psychology. From these diverse areas of inquiry, dialogical self allows a common concept to be shared, which is the idea of the self as a society of minds, understood as a pluralistic and multivoiced system.

Central topics are self and identity, the construction and reconstruction of meanings, the relationships between culture and self, global culture and re-negotiations of identities, and the changing process of self-narratives in psychotherapy. The dialogical approach, therefore, is not only an object of study but also a platform for bringing together scientists and practitioners from divergent disciplines and sub-disciplines.

The Fourth International Conference on the Dialogical Self will constitute a continuation of the idea of focusing on processes in self and dialogue in relation to the construction and reconstruction of meaning. Its purpose is to organize interchange and discussion of problems related to the dialogical self across the boundaries of specific (sub)disciplines. As such, the Fourth International Conference on the Dialogical Self is open to psychologists and representatives of other social sciences and arts.

Beginning with the first event of the Conference in Nijmegen in June 2000, through the Second Conference in Ghent in October 2002, and the Third Conference in Warsaw in August 2004, these International Conferences on the Dialogical Self serve as a meeting place for theoreticians, researchers, psychotherapists and trainers interested in exploring the implications of the dialogical self in their fields of work.

Location of conference The University of Minho is honoured to host the Fourth Conference on the Dialogical Self and, together with the Organizing Committee, welcomes you to be our guests. We wish you a fruitful and pleasant stay in Braga, a beautiful city 50 km. from Oporto, in Portugal.

Conference language. The language of all presentations (talks, oral and poster presentations, discussion and proceedings) is English

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Venues

Place

The Fourth International Conference on the Dialogical Self will take place from the 1st to the 3rd, June 2006 at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal.

Transportation (all the prices are from 2004)

Portugal's nearest airport is located in Oporto, 50 km. from Braga

We suggest two possibilities of travelling from the airport to Braga:

1. The cheapest one will be to take an aerobus to the center of Oporto and from the São Bento train Station in Porto to travel by train to Braga, which is comfortable and fast (around 1 hour).

There is an aerobus each 30 minutes between 07.30-19.30 going from the airport to the center and also each 30 minutes going from the the center to the airport. The price is 4 Euros.

Trains from Porto to Braga: Timetables can be checked at:

http://www.cp.pt/linhas/Braga/horarios/e_horarios.html

The price of the train is about 1.80 Euros and tickets can be bought at the automatic machine using coins

Transportation from Braga train station to the hotels: The best way to make this trip is by taxi.

2. The more comfortable possibility is to take a taxi at the airport directly to Braga. The medium price should be around 45 to 50 euros. To make sure that there is no problem regarding the price, people should ask the price before the journey starts. There is no baggage charge. The trip will take around 45 minutes.

Payment for transports can't be made by credit card.

Short description of the University

The University of Minho, founded in 1973, is one of the then named "New Universities" that, at that time, deeply changed the landscape of higher education in Portugal. Located in the region of Minho, known for its significant economic activity and by the youth of its population, University of Minho has played the role of development agent in the region.

The level of the scientific, technological and cultural activity of the University has granted its international recognition. Whilst University Minho is a young University, it enjoys a very high reputation for its research and educational performance. A student population of over 16000 together with more than 1100 teaching staff and almost 600 technical and administration staff make the University of Minho one of the biggest Portuguese universities.

The university campus has several facilities, from bookshops and banks to restaurants. During the conference four modern auditoriums will allow us to have parallel sessions.

University's link: www.uminho.pt

Information about Braga

Braga is Portugal's ancient religious capital. Often referred to as Portugal's 'Rome', Braga dates back to Celtic times and was an important Roman settlement, known in those times as "Braccara Augusta". The ecclesiastical feel is emphasized by the town's main sites: The ornate Baroque church of Bom Jesus do Monte; 5km outside the center is still an important pilgrimage site; the sprawling Sé in the historic center of town is the oldest cathedral in Portugal; the huge, elaborate, medieval Archbishop's Palace.

A number of historic mansions are scattered around the town often serving as museums, such as the Palácio dos Biscainhos, which houses a fine art collection.

Braga's historical treasures

- Bom Jesus Sanctuary
- [Braga's] modern and developing part.

Braga has been modernized in recent years as it grows as a commercial and fashion center and there is concern about the balance between conservation of Braga's unique heritage and the need for economic development.

- Braga's natural resources

Besides its architectural treasures, Braga offers to its visitors a very charming natural mountain landscape.

Braga's link: www.cm-braga.com.pt

Other interesting places nearby Braga:

- Guimarães (15 Km. from Braga)
- Oporto (50 Km. from Braga)
- Gerês (35 Km. from Braga)

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Deadlines

31st January 2006

Deadline for submitting abstracts

28th February 2006

Deadline for notification about the abstracts

15th March 2006

Deadline for early registration

15th March 2006

Deadline for hotel reservation

14th April 2006

Payment deadline to have the abstract published in the book of abstracts

Social program

Banquet
1st June 2006
University Restaurant

Dinner in Guimarães
3rd June 2006

Tour in Braga
4th June in the morning