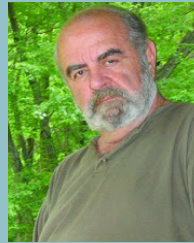## INSTRUCTORS

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Dr. Alexander Christakis is a Theoretical Physicist, Social Systems Design Scientist, & former faculty member or several Universities in the USA. He was past-President of the International Society for Systems Science, & the Founder of the Institute of 21st Century Agoras, a non-profit organization dedicated to the evolution of civic, global, & institutional capacity for coordinated democratic design and decision-making. He has been a consultant of the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration, and a board member of the Future Worlds Center and the Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO).
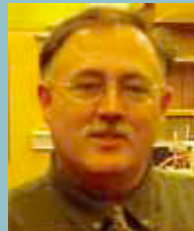
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Maria Kakoulaki is an active journalist, with studies in Media, Psychology, and Philosophy. She has worked as a political correspondent for Al-Ahram International newspaper (London), as a financial editor in Athens, columnist in various newspapers, chief editor and reporter for the Cretan TV. She is also a board member of the Institute of 21st Century Agoras (www.globalagoras.org), a consultant on Structured Democratic Dialogue for the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration and an associate of Future Worlds Center.

TOM FLANAGAN, MBA, PH.D.

Dr. Flanagan was trained in the hard science world of neural systems and today leads the vastly more challenging soft science mission of the "Southcoast Community Collaborative Design Studio" in the USA. He entered the field of SDD consulting after cofounding a biodiagnostics company and recruiting Dr. Christakis for a product development assignment. He worked on a book project with Dr. Christakis titled, "The Talking Point" which seeks to provide an experiential understanding of the SDD process in complex problem applications.

JEFF DIEDRICH, M.A.

Jeff Diedrich works in the educational arena where his efforts are focused on improving outcomes for students with disabilities. He is the director of two statewide projects and was exposed to SDD after hiring Dr. Christakis to assist during a transitional phase of one of his projects. Following this experience, Jeff mentored with Dr. Christakis and became a practitioner of SDD, facilitating and co-facilitating many co-laboratories. His contributions to the process have focused around innovative technology-based supports.

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Why and How
we ought to
Re-Invent Democracy

through **S**tructured **D**emocratic **D**ialogue (**SDD**)

Modern democracies in Europe and around the Globe are currently under serious stress and discussion in a very wide spectrum of contexts as the financial crisis has highlighted the powerlessness of national governments in dealing with global economic and political players. In these exceptionally turbulent years, characterized by sovereign debt crises and week political leadership in the developed world, as well as dramatic changes in the Middle East and North Africa, a momentum is emerging for citizens' knowledge and participation. SDD training workshops are being offered for the purpose of building capacity internationally for addressing highly complex civic problems through the use of the science of dialogue. This workshop is for individuals interested in learning more about the science of Structured Democratic Dialogue (SDD) and those who are actively searching to contribute with their voices in participative democracy. The workshop will include theoretical foundations and practical applications for learning and applying the Science of Dialogue.

Participants will learn:

➜ The management of complexity in designing social systems.

➜ The axioms and the principles of the Science of Dialogue.

➜ The authentic, effective, and efficient engagement of stakeholders in designing desirable futures.

➜ The importance of systemic thinking in the resolution of local and global problematiques.

➜ The use of the Cogniscope Software in collectively discovering the root causes of wicked problems and determining effective priorities for action.

➜ The application of the Co-Laboratory of Democracy on how to resolve complex problems in the trainees' organizational settings.

> "*The science of dialogue is truly a science that enables people from all walks of life to become 'systems thinkers.' This is the sole rationale for its invention and evolution.*"
>
> -Dr. Alexander N. Christakis-

AGENDAS	TRAINING FEES & LOGISTICS

DAY 1

9:00-9:30	Welcome, self-introductions & overview of the training objectives
9:30-13:00	The Dialogue Game and the Principles of the Science
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	CogniScope II Software tutorial Step-by-Step
	Step 1: Generation
	Step 2: Classification
	Step 3: Prioritization
	Step 4: Mapping
15:30-17:00	Architecture of the Structured Dialogic Design Science
17:00-18:00	Q & A
18:00	Adjourn

DAY 2

9:00-9:30	Overview and reflection from day 1 Application of SDD
9:30-13:00	STEP 1: GENERATION
	Application & Reflection Activity
	STEP 2- CLASSIFICATION
	Application & Reflection Activity
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:30	STEP 3: PRIORITIZATION
	Application & Reflection Activity
	STEP 4: ROOT CAUSE MAPPING
	Application & Reflection Activity
16:30-17:00	Q & A
17:00-18:00	Design Management Team Roles
18:00	Adjourn

DAY 3

9:00-9:30	Overview and reflections from day 2
9:30-11:30	The Domain of Science Model and its relationship to SDD
11:30-13:00	Systemic thinking & its relationship with the Global Problematique
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	Q & A for all three days
17:00-18:00	Body wisdom meets cognitive wisdom in SDD
18:00	Adjourn

PARTICIPATION FEES

General Rate: **300 €**

Student Rate: **75 €** (limited number available - apply at link below)

A limited number of partial (**150 €**) and full scholarships (**Free**) are available

Registration & Scholarship Applications are available at:

http://sddtraining2013.wikispaces.com/

This Fee Includes:

➡ Registration fees and certificate of participation
➡ All coffee and snack breaks (lunches and/or dinners not included)
➡ All working materials will be provided
➡ References of the SDD methodology at http://dialogicdesignscience.wikispaces.com/Books
➡ Workshop wiki (for full access to all materials)
➡ Limited Version of Cogniscope II Software

Recommended Books (part of those available in Google Books)

1. Christakis, A.N. and Bausch, K. (2006) "*How People Harness Their Collective Wisdom and Power to Construct the Future in Co-Laboratories of Democracy*" Information Age Publishing, Inc.

2. Flanagan, T.R. and Christakis, A.N. (2009) "*The Talking Point: Creating an Environment for Exploring Complex Meaning.*" Information Age Publishing, Inc.

LOCATION/ INFORMATION

Arolithos Traditional Cretan Village. Heraklion,Greece
For reservations go to http://www.arolithos.com for the workshop special rates
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WORKSHOP DATES

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