

# Toward Meeting Challenges of Immigration in Western European Societies:

## Facilitating Authentic Intercultural Dialogue

*You are invited to participate in an*

### Intercultural Person-Centered Experiential Workshop

**Place: De Rode Hoed  
Keizersgracht 102  
Amsterdam**

**Time: Friday, July 11, 2003 7:00pm**  
Symposium: On Intergroup Communication and Understanding  
*Wine and Cheese Reception*

**Saturday & Sunday, July 12 & 13 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Workshop, followed by Group Discussion

In an analysis of "how immigrants are transforming the politics of Europe," David Unger (New York Times, 11/30/02) observed that the Netherlands is among "several European countries where hostility to immigration...is redrawing the political map," adding that "serious social tensions have developed that establishment political parties can no longer afford to ignore." A half-century ago, the eminent humanistic psychologist Carl Rogers noted that, "we already possess learnings which, put to use, would help to decrease the inter-racial, industrial, and international tensions which exist," and emphasized that were these learnings to be used preventively, they "could aid in the development of mature, nondefensive, understanding persons who would deal constructively with future tensions as they arise" (On becoming a person, 1961/1995, p. xx).

In his latter years, Carl Rogers and his colleague Ruth Sanford conducted workshops devoted to communicating across lines of difference in South Africa, Mexico, and the former Soviet Union, among other places. Such opportunities for authentic dialogue between persons of diverse backgrounds are thought to be made possible by provision of a climate of unconditional respect, accurate empathic understanding, and genuine warmth. We invite you to join us in creating, and if you choose participating in, such a climate at De Rode Hoed this July, sponsored by the Center for Intercultural Person-Centered Studies.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration by mail is encouraged (detachable form below, which may be mailed to Netherlands or United States addresses).

#### *About the Center for Intercultural Person-Centered Studies*

The mission of the Center is to facilitate opportunities for the experience and study of authentic dialogue among persons and groups differing in ethnic, racial, cultural or socioeconomic background, and particularly among those having difficulty communicating genuinely with, or accepting one another.

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