Explaining Liberation Psychology in English

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Another kind of *critical psychology*, that goes beyond mere criticism, and (re)constructs an action-orientated psychology, grounded in the commitment to and perspective of the oppressed.
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1) A ‘new horizon’: an outward turn from preoccupation with the scientific and social status of the discipline, and redefinition of purpose in terms of the needs and interests of the majority of the (Latin American) people

2) ‘A new epistemology’ where the criterion for psychology’s relevance, and indeed truth, is found through its interrogation by those popular Latin American majorities

3) ‘A new praxis’: where knowledge will come from the attempt to transform reality.
While

1) English is the language of the UK and USA, historic and current centres of global domination.

It is also

2) used as a primary, or professional means of communication in, and between, many other areas, including regions of the global South.
How does LP translate?

Particularly relevant and distinctive features (Burton & Kagan, 2009)

  conscientization,
  'realismo-critico'
  de-ideologisation
  the social-societal orientation,
  the preferential option for the oppressed majorities
  methodological eclecticism.

Also,
The recovery of historical memory.
Strategies for diffusion

Describing and interpreting

Writing, Speaking, sharing – where possible using publicly accessible outlets.

Applying / adapting, developing.

Network initiative.
Written outputs and their availability
Established November, 2011
82 members (via website)  100 on email list
95 Blog posts  Library of documents. Reading list.
82 Twitter followers
A fair amount of interest but largely passive – why?
How to make the network more participative, more owned by the members?
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