

## **A Short Biographical Sketch of Javier Gómez Rodríguez**

Javier (1958-) comes originally from Spain. In his mid-teens, he came across the work of Krishnamurti and was instantly struck by its wholeness and 'ring of truth'. From 1975-1978 he was a student at Brockwood Park, the school K had founded in England in 1969. There he met K, participated in the meetings with him and attended a number of public talks in Brockwood and Saanen. He was also very involved in this exploration with K's close associate David Bohm, one of the leading theoretical physicists of the XX Century and a profound philosopher in his own right.

Javier went on to do his university studies in the US, first in the Humanities and finally graduating with a Masters in Spanish language and literature, subject that he taught as a lecturer at the University of Texas. After briefly contemplating an academic career, in 1990 he decided to return to Europe and became a teacher at Brockwood Park. There he met up with David Bohm and actively engaged with him in the exploration of the latter's 'dialogue proposal'.

After Bohm's untimely death in October 1992, Javier became a resident scholar at the Krishnamurti Foundation India headquarters in Chennai, where he stayed from 1993-1995. He then returned to Galicia, his native region of Spain, where he worked for the Fundación Krishnamurti Latinoamericana, translating several K books into Spanish. He eventually became a trustee of this K foundation and he also joined Krishnamurti Link International (KLI), an informal grouping of former Brockwood staff members brought together by the German industrialist Friedrich Grohe, who had been one of K's closest friends during the final two or three years of the latter's life. Javier was editor of *The Link*, the magazine published by KLI as an international forum for the study of the teachings. He currently edits *Friedrich's Newsletter*, the successor publication to *The Link*.

On his return to Spain, Javier facilitated a Bohm dialogue group in his native area. This dialogue group was a living demonstration of the potential of Bohm's proposal for self-understanding and transformation. He detailed his adventure with dialogue in his booklet *Through the Mirroring Word: A Personal Journey with Dialogue* (2017). The more general Appendix to this booklet, published separately under the title of *Reflecting Consciousness: An Overview of Dialogue* (2017), has been widely distributed and appreciated by those interested in this particular approach to dialogue.

Pursuing a romantic relationship, in 2000 Javier moved to The Netherlands, where he has been residing ever since. Currently Javier continues to be associated with KLI and keeps to its agenda of international meetings and responsibilities. He is currently a member of the Stichting Krishnamurti Nederland, the Dutch K Committee.

His idea of offering this comprehensive introduction to K's life and teachings stems from his lifelong involvement with the teachings and his sense that they are universal in nature and a potential avenue of significant insight and fundamental change. As such, he feels, they deserve the closest study as well as widest dissemination, for they are a veritable education for mankind.