Dear Jose,

Our warmest regards from Thessaloniki, Greece. Here is the list of Paulo Freire’s works published in Greek:


As you can easily notice two books (No 1 & No. 2) have been published just three years after the fall of the Greek fascist dictatorship (1974) in a climate of social and political radicalism.

The next four publications (Nos. 3, 4, 5 & 6) were all included in a book edited by the Center for Studies and Self-Education [Kentro Meleton ke Aftomorfosis] in 1985. The same Center published the “Eleventh Letter to Guinea Bissau” (No. 7) only a year later. The Centre has been founded from members of the Greek Socialist Party [Panhellenic Socialist Party – PASOK]. Nonetheless, the Centre does not exist nowadays and did not achieve to develop a Freirean tradition in Greece.

Only recently (2002), a book that analyses the theoretical framework, the development and the implementation of a series of lessons (thirty hours course) based on Paulo Freire’s pedagogy has been published. Those series of lessons were given in a public/for all, non-profit school that has been founded collectively by progressive and radical educators in 1998 operated on a voluntary basis. The network of educators and their work, that is active and effective till today, is been supported by The Labor Unions of Thessaloniki and it has been named as “Odysseas/Ulysses’ School”.

The central purpose of the School is the learning and acquisition of the Greek language by the immigrants, empowering them at the same time to confront racist practices and fight for their social and political rights.


A copy of this book is already in post for you. We hope that you will have some good news about the “nucleus” of Paulo Freire Institute in Greece soon. Please, send an electronic message that will confirm that you received this note.

Best Wishes in Solidarity,

Dr. Georgios Grollios – Mr. Ioannis Kaskaris – Dr. Tasos Liambas
Paulo Reglus Neves Freire (1921–1997) was a Brazilian educator and philosopher who was a leading advocate of critical pedagogy. He is best known for his influential work *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, which is generally considered one of the foundational texts of the critical pedagogy movement. Freire was born on 19 September 1921 to a middle-class family in Recife, the capital of the northeastern Brazilian state of Pernambuco. He became familiar with poverty and hunger from an early age as a result of *In Paulo Freire*. Stanley Grabowski, ed. Syracuse University Publications in Continuing Education, 1972. "It ill behooves an educator for liberation to present himself to interested readers cloaked in such an obscure, convoluted, dull, overly metaphysical style, devoid of the real human experience which generated such provocative ideas." Freire's work can seem abstract and overly intellectual to readers unfamiliar with the language of dialectical argument or theological debate." Pateman, Trevor. "Review of The Politics of Education." Å Kriege...