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The Gala Evening will be held at the “Spreepeicher”. Fee € 90,-, Subsidised rate € 60,-. Includes welcome reception drinks, non-alcoholic drinks, buffet, dessert and music. We want to help everyone to attend the Gala Evening! We suggest you choose between two prices. The price of € 90,- will cover our cost for those able to pay. For those who experience personal or economic difficulties we propose a price of € 60.-.
Location: http://www.spreepeicher-events.de Stralauer Allee 2, 10245 Berlin, Germany

Homepage
http://www.berlin-gasi-symposium2017.com

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have been given to participants with many different nationalities, coming from Asia, Africa the Middle East and Europe. We go on working hard to include participants with diverse economic possibilities, and from as many parts of the world as possible. We would be very grateful for any donations to the GASI Fund, so we can further support people to attend the symposium. If you would like to donate to the Symposium, please write ‘Symposium’ as reference.
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Crossing Borders, Social, Cultural and Clinical Challenges

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17th International Symposium of the Group Analytic Society International

Group Analysis is based on mutual respect, inclusion and the space for reflection.

One of the most important challenges today is to think about how to respond to the mass exodus of people crossing borders to escape war, poverty and the effects of globalisation. This Symposium is an opportunity to think about the changes we need to make to our cultural, social and clinical understanding within the context of this international crisis.

The Symposium will take place in the centre of Berlin, which has become, since the fall of the Berlin Wall, a lively and creative city. It attracts young people from all over the world and has a strongly multicultural city population interested in art, culture and history. It is a city filled with a difficult past and a promising future.

Berlin has a long historical tradition with migrants and, for example in the 17th century, one in five residents were French Hugenots.

In the past Berlin was part of the Christian and Jewish cultural centre of Europe together with Krakow, Prague, Vienna and Lemberg. Berlin was the capital of Germany during the National Socialist dictatorship. It was a divided city during the Cold War but today, Berlin is now the capital of a reunited Germany. All these phases of history are mirrored in the very varied architecture of the city.

We look forward to welcoming a wide range of people to the Symposium. Colleagues from the former Eastern Europe, those involved in the crisis of the Eurozone and those involved with the vast numbers of refugees crossing borders at this time in our history. We hope that the Symposium will be a challenge for all grappling with these issues, whether group analysts or not. Whatever your participation, the Symposium will be enriched by your contributions to the academic and experiential program.

English will be the official language. We will try to facilitate communication and comprehension for speakers of other languages.

Each day of the Symposium will approach the topic of Crossing Borders with a different emphasis:

Day 1: Migration and Memory

Day 2: Inclusion and Exclusion – We and the Other

Day 3: Migration, Globalisation and Transnationalism

Day 4: The Praxis of Group Analysis

Day 5: One Group Analysis or Many?

The platform will be shared between:

Prof. Aleida Assmann

Emeritus Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies at the University of Konstanz.

Respondent

Dr. Aleida Assmann

Her specific interests cluster around the History of German Memory since 1945 and the Theories of Memory.

She has been working on a research project entitled “The Past in the Present: Dimensions and Dynamics of Cultural Memory.”

Prof. Vamik D. Volkan

Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and an Emeritus Training and Supervising Analyst at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute.

He is the President Emeritus of International Dialogue Initiative (IDI), which he established in 2007. Since 1987 he is working on issues of national and international conflicts.


Respondent

Dr. Vamik D. Volkan

One of the human basic needs is to belong. This is the basis of setting up groups but also the basis of exclusion. There is no inclusion without exclusion.

Our present time forces movements which cross national, cultural and social borders. This is an enormous chance for development but, at the same time, an enormous danger for those communities which have broken and can no longer support the people who depend upon them.

How can our groups offer Therapeutic Work with displaced people who have been forced to leave their home, their country, and their social contexts, often suffering many different traumas at any one time?

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