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## Crossing Borders Social, Cultural and Clinical Challenges

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Maritim Hotel Berlin  
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### Gala Evening

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>

### Donations – Bursaries

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

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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 Huguenots.

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:**

The different themes will be explored by participation in theoretical and experiential formats; through lectures, papers, panel presentation and workshops and work in small, median and large groups.

#### **Chairs:**

Gerda Winther, Kurt Husemann, 17th Symposium  
Gerda Winther, Pieter Hutz, Management Committee (MSC)  
Sue Einhorn, Katrin Stumpfner, Scientific Committee (SC)  
Kurt Husemann, Local Organizing Committee (LOC)  
Robi Friedman, President Group Analytic Society International

#### **Day 1 Migration and Memory**

**Prof. Aleida Assmann**  
Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies at the University of Konstanz.  
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."

*Respondent*

**Dr. Sue Liebermann**

#### **Day 2 Inclusion and Exclusion – We and the Other**

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.

**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.

His new book – *Immigrants and Refugees: Trauma, Perennial Mourning, Prejudice, and Border Psychology*, published by Karnac Jan 2017.

*Respondent*

**Dr. Thomas Mies**

#### **Day 3 Migration, Globalisation and Transnationalism**

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.

*The platform will be shared between:*

**Prof. Elisabeth Rohr**

Professor for Intercultural Education at the University of Marburg and a Group Analyst. Her scientific focus is on migration and she has worked extensively in Guatemala and Palestine.

**Dick Blackwell**

He is a Consultant Group and Family Psychotherapist at the Baobab Centre in London for young survivors in exile and has worked clinically, for many years, with asylum seekers and people who have been tortured.

#### **Day 4 The Praxis of Group Analysis**

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?

*The platform will be shared between:*

**Dr. Catherine Gransard**

She has a Doctorate in Psychology and works at the Centre Georges Devereux, in the field of Ethnopsychiatry with families. These are families who have had to leave their country are living between two countries, between two cultures and often between two religions as well.

**Hanni Biran**

She is a Group Analyst at the Israeli Institute of Group Analysis. She will address in her clinical lecture a topic related to the theme of the Symposium.

#### **Day 5 One Group Analysis or Many?**

On our final day we will look at the different approaches to Group Analysis and cross the borders of our inherited ideas with those we are developing today. But before borders can be crossed, they have to be established. Before differences can be negotiated, they have to be fixed. How is this decided? Who decides? What are the consequences for our group analytic community?

**Dr. Farhad Dalal**

Is a Training Group Analyst who works in Exeter and Totnes, Devon. He is also visiting Professor at the PHD School, Open University of Holland.

Dr. Dalal has been developing group analytic theory for many years and will draw on themes from his last book : "Thought Paralysis: The Virtues of discrimination."

*Respondent*

**Dr. Hermant Staats**