

# 49TH GASI WINTER WORKSHOP 2026



## Nationality, Identity, Culture Group-Analysis to Build Foundation Myths

Pescara, Italy

16th, 17th & 18th January 2026

### Speakers:

**Prof. Raffaele Menarini**

**Monica Martelli PhD**

**Gerhard Wilke**

A founding myth is a shared narrative, often symbolic, that serves to create, strengthen and perpetuate the identity of a group, community or nation. These myths represent the origins, values and historical roots that are important for social cohesion, offering a sense of belonging and stability.

The aim of the workshop is to analyse how group analysis can contribute to the construction of founding myths, revealing the collective processes that shape the sense of belonging and identity. A journey of reflection on how shared narratives can strengthen or challenge our symbolic and cultural worlds.

Members will explore the topic through group experiences and dialogues.

**LARGE GROUP** conducted by: **Gerhard Wilke**

### **THE VENUE:**

**AURUM**

**LARGO GARDONE RIVIERA, 65126 PESCARA PE**

**WEBSITE: [HTTPS://AURUM.COMUNE.PESCARA.IT](https://aurum.comune.pescara.it)**

**Fee: £140.00**

**Up to 150 participants**

**This is an In-Person Event**

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**NB: Bookings are non-refundable from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

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# About the Speakers

## **Prof. Raffaele Menarini**



### **Presentation: Neoteny and Personality**

Clinical psychologist, psychotherapist and group-analyst, has taught psychiatric clinic and psychotherapy at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome. He was university professor of Dynamic Psychology at the University of Palermo. He held the chair of Dynamic Psychology at the LUMSA University of Rome. He introduced and developed bimodal analytic psychotherapy, which allows a synthesis between individual psychotherapy and group psychotherapy, mainly orienting his studies around the relationship between mind, brain and society. He has published numerous researches on dreams, their dynamics and their hermeneutics. Affiliation: Director of the master's degree in clinical neuropsychologist at LUMSA University and the Humanitas University Consortium.

## **Monica Martelli, PhD**



### **Presentation: Self-awareness (is) awareness of others. Individual time and historical time: inferences and conditioning.**

Monica Martelli holds a PhD in Ethics, Logic and Ontology and teaches History at a high school in Italy. Her research focuses on oral and local history, with particular attention to the evolution of interpersonal and intercultural relationships in contemporary societies. She has published essays addressing the transformations of human connections in the age of complexity, as well as the existential implications of nihilism and modernity for the individual. Her work combines philosophical inquiry with a historical perspective, seeking to explore how ethical reflection can illuminate the challenges of the present. She lives and works in Abruzzo, Italy.

## **Gerhard Wilke**



### **Presentation: The Social Matrix in the Matrix of the Group**

Gerhard Wilke is an organisational and leadership development consultant. He is an internationally renowned Group Analytic Training Analyst and Supervisor. His client base is spread across Europe and he works in English and in German. He studied Social Anthropology at King's College, Cambridge and is a qualified member of the Institute of Group Analysis in London. He also holds a diploma in Further and Higher Education from London University and is an associate of Ashridge Business School. He is an Honorary Fellow of both the Royal College of General Practitioners and the International Association of Group Psychotherapy. Gerhard is an expert on how leaders, executive groups and the whole organisational culture interact, attain better performance and learn from their experience.

# Travel & Accommodation Pescara, Italy

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## Accommodation with agreement for GASi members and participants Pescara, Italy

### 3-star Hotel Regent Pescara

<https://www.regenthotelpescara.it>

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Tourist tax £2.00 per person per day, from 12 to 70 years old, for a maximum of 7 days.

***A 30% deposit is required to confirm your booking. Cancellations made up to 2 days prior to arrival are free of charge. For later cancellations, the deposit will be retained.***

Please note that meals for specific dietary requirements are prepared in a kitchen that contains various allergens. We cannot guarantee the total absence of contamination.

Fire safety regulations and smoking ban: To ensure everyone's safety and prevent the risk of fire, please note that the entire property, including outdoor areas, is strictly non-smoking.

Acceptance of the quote automatically implies adherence to this rule, which is one of the fundamental measures of environmental protection and civil defence.

Rates are valid for bookings received by 18 December 2025.

Maxmiliano  
Reservation Department