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Call for Papers

– Bergamo (Italy) 23rd - 26th October 2024

Psychoanalysis faces the challenges of postmodern society: new settings, models and perspectives to navigate complexity

Registration opening soon!

Talks and posters on a range of topics are welcome.

Abstracts are due by Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Never before have we witnessed such a constant mutation of society and the paradigms to which we were used to: between wars, climatic and social emergencies, global pandemics, it seems to be increasingly difficult to define one's own identity and to find adequate affective, cognitive and relational tools to meet the other in a satisfactory and non-conflictual way.

In this context, psychoanalysis can and *must* play a central role both as a clinical tool capable of taking care of the different forms of psychic and existential suffering both as a "reflective function" in the infinite complexity of social phenomena, and as a model of a "being in the world" which is ethically and scientifically grounded.

We hope to propose a pluralistic but psychoanalytically labelled space-time setting within which we can compare, discuss and deepen the clinical and training experiences required and shaped by the new, persistent, sometimes not "classically" classifiable discontents and illnesses of our civilization.

For this reason, we envision an event that can be a space of encounter and shared experience.

An ideal bridge between the different scientific experiences and cultures that make up and enrich the IFPS, in the first place, but which at the same time allows us to look "elsewhere", in the certainty that meeting and "contamination" are indispensable creative needs for the psychoanalyst living in the contemporary world.

We have therefore identified some main axes along which we would like to bring together the papers that will be proposed, leaving space, as usual, to free communications.

1: new setting(s)

- Different settings for different patients (online, prison, institution, disability, organic disease)
- Fluid identity, navigating between gender, sex and identity
- Social media, social hyperactivity and isolation

2: theoretical models between practice and ethics: dynamic constructs and endless training

- State of the art of research
- What training for future analysts?
- Deficit and conflict: a desirable clinical and conceptual review
- the primacy of the word, the role of the body

3: the conflict within and without the disintegrated society

- Eros and Thanatos: an endless dance
- splitting and dissociation, trauma and conflict within and without the individual
- beauty will save the world, who will save beauty? Perhaps psychoanalysis

4: a psychoanalysis for every season

- His Majesty the Child
- forever teenagers
- growing old without limits

5: body/brain/mind

- which the unconscious
- imagine, feel, think
- prolegomena for any future metapsychology

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The Benedetti-Conci Prize is awarded to the best paper presented by a candidate from an IFPS Society. It will be awarded at the end of the XXIII Forum. The prize is 1000 US DOLLARS. The paper must be related to the theme of the Forum and will be judged by a specially appointed committee. The winning paper will be published in the IFPS Journal. Abstracts (300-500 words) indicating submission to the Benedetti-Conci Award for IFPS Candidate 2024 before the title should be sent to <mailto:candidatesifps2024@associazionestudipsicoanalitici.it>

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For specific questions, please send an e-mail to ifps-forum2024@associazionestudipsicoanalitici.it
We very much look forward to receiving and reviewing your submission, and then to welcoming you to Bergamo, Italy, in October 2024.

Deadline for submission: May 15th, 2024 to be submitted to <mailto:ifps-forum2024@associazionestudipsicoanalitici.it>.