

International Conference

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**'Learning through Experience' about Inclusion /Exclusion
Phenomena
in and between
Traditions of Bion, Foulkes and Main**



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About the Conference

Inclusion / exclusion phenomena are universal and fundamental in human groupings: in families, formal and informal social units, even in our psychoanalytic professional fields. Traumatic and other disruptive psycho-social processes decrease our capacity to cope with them in good-enough ways. **'Learning through experience'** in psychoanalytic group settings might take us closer to contact with painful feelings and thoughts in ourselves and in others and improve our understanding. However, within these professional fields, paradoxically or not, we again encounter obstacles rooted in the very phenomena itself, diminishing the creative potential.

Background

A number of international conferences organized by the Psycho-Social Section of the Group Analytic Society-Belgrade have offered space for dialogue about and between different cultures of psychoanalytic group work for exploring psycho-social processes. During the founding of the Section, Malcolm Pines with his well-known encouragement of continuous dialogues between group-analytic and other group-as-a-whole approaches, being the initial founding-consultant helped us since the very beginning to make links also to consultants from other approaches such as David Armstrong from the Tavistock Clinic and Marlene Spero from the 'Bridger's school'. The international project on Social Unconscious created by Earl Hopper and Haim Weinberg, itself being appreciative and inclusive for a variety, and complexity of thinking traditions, very much influenced the development of the Section as well. We hope with colleagues interested in the field to continue co-creating the identity of this explorative space and co-discovering the richness of meaning in the multi-dimensionality and complexity of the psycho-social sphere.

All three approaches – the group analytic, the group relations, and the therapeutic community approach – have their formative roots in the WWII Northfield Army Hospital - therefore many similarities, including:

the use of groups and conferences as a space for research, so that the core method is **'learning through experience'** in groups,

the significance of the foreground/background gestalt concepts, the *'group-as-a-whole'*, which focuses interest on influences of the larger systems/context on the group dynamics and vice versa.

However, there are also many divergences, which still bear traces from the tensions at Northfield between these cultures and their founders. The persisting lack of communication has led to a disregard of those differences, and has obstructed debate between the followers of these approaches and their organizations.

Do the different approaches represent different aspects of our professional fields? May we learn about how to hold together the differing dimensions? Are they necessary for us and for our professional organizations that seek to **exclude 'otherness'**? Are we

able to look at the whole field, and the bigger picture in relation to wider socio-cultural environment? How may we keep dialogue aflame in spite of old and new forms of attacks on linking in our reflective/creative spaces, attacks that come from within as well as from outside?

We believe that it is in the spirit of all these approaches to establish experiential research of this kind where we may learn about ourselves and our ideas at the same time.

This conference is conceptualized as a form of action research into the possibilities that **the three traditions** of Bion, Foulkes and Main can engage together to mutual benefit. These traditions have flourished within the fields of Group Relation, Group Analytic Practice, and Therapeutic Communities. Does the split between Group Analysis and Group Relations **impoverish** both of them? Did the Therapeutic Community/and Bridger's transitional model take a **mediating** position after Northfield, and what is its position today?

Aims

We aim to make this Conference an **investigation** of some of these questions, using the experiences of members who attend. We intend this to be **joint research** conducted together by staff and members. At this stage, we anticipate that the **major topics** of our research will focus on:

1. **Inclusion/exclusion phenomena** from various perspectives;
2. Conceptualization and styles of **leadership**;
3. Approaches to **tasks**;
4. **Bridging** between the traditions: May transplantation of aspects from one to the other model be possible without blurring/destroying their basic values and core identity

We anticipate that dynamics of exclusion and inclusion will occur amongst the members. And we further anticipate that such dynamics will dramatize the exclusion and inclusion dynamics of the different conceptualizations.

However, in the course of this experiential investigation, we expect members to confront questions such as: Are attempts to partially integrate the models disrespectful of their boundaries and identity? Do we need the 'us' and 'them' identities they give us? Do we dare to disturb the order that has over the years been established between these paradigms? Is it possible to learn from each other by more open and direct communication? How have inclusion/exclusion phenomena been a part of these three traditions? What do different models include/exclude? We will compare similarities and differences in these issues.

Conference dates and program:

From Thursday afternoon, June 5th to lunchtime on Sunday, June 8th.

The research is planned to be done jointly the staff and participants through sessions of keynote presentations, panels with round table/fishbowl discussions, reflective and experiential small/median groups, perhaps inter-group events, large group-analytic groups, opening and closing events.

Full program will soon be available.

About conference staff



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Earl Hopper, PhD, is a psychoanalyst, group analyst and organizational consultant in private practice in London. He is a Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society, a member of The Institute of Group Analysis, a full member of the Group Analytic Society International and a Fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. He is also a supervisor and training analyst for The Institute of Group Analysis, the British Association of Psychotherapist and London Center for Psychotherapy. An honorary tutor at The Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, and a member of the Faculty of the Post-Doctoral Program at the Adelphi University, New York. He is a Former President of the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP), and a former Chairman of the Association of Independent Psychoanalysts of the British Psychoanalytical Society. Published books in Group Analysis. Editor of New International Library of Group Analysis, NILGA.



Dieter Nitzgen Group analyst, training group analyst and supervisor of the IGA/H Heidelberg and full member of the German Group Analytic Society (D3G). Member of the Management Committee of the Group Analytic Society (GAS). Past Foulkes Lecturer 2008. Member of the Association of Freudian Psychoanalysis (AFP). Head of the psychotherapy department of Rehaklinik Birkenbuck, a treatment centre of addictive disorders, and working in private practice as a group analyst, psychoanalyst and organisational consultant. Main clinical interests are in the psychodynamic understanding and treatment of the addictions and personality disorders, and the intergenerational transmission of trauma and trauma specific processes in individuals, groups and organisations. Various papers on Group Analysis and Psychoanalysis.



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GAS-Belgrade members Psycho-Social-Art members	190	230	270
GAS-international, IAGP ISPSO, OPUS members	230	260	310
Others ISPSO, OPUS members	270	290	350

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