

THE MYTH OF THE ARK IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES Pandemic War Environment: *thinking dreaming transforming*



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Assisi Cittadella Ospitalità - Pro Civitate Christiana 7th-9th October 2022

[...]

*Fummo interi
nel nostro lavoro e sereni.
Il sole era alto sulla terra.
Chi avrebbe creduto a quest'opera?
Assi strette inchiodate,
lavorate con tenacia:
un'arca all'asciutto per superare
la contumacia del male,
una zattera per vincere l'abisso,
tornare a casa.*

[...]

Matteo Munaretto, from *Preparations for the Ark*

*E molto
pazientemente lavorammo per un tempo
immisurabile, con soste, anche,
interruzioni
molte
questioni da dirimere –
profilo a profilo giungendo,
ogni pezzo a ogni pezzo
rifinito con zelo bruciante –
per dare corpo alle parole ricevute,
alle misure esatte, molto
faticando
però mai
venendo meno. Mai.
[...]*

PRESENTATION

In the first months of 2020, with the spread of the Sars-Covid 2 pandemic and the first severe measures for contagion containment adopted by the affected countries, we felt that the world, as we knew it, was sinking. The organization of our individual and collective lives was completely upset by a concrete threat of death, at the same time very distant and very close, which operated on a planetary scale through an invisible enemy, difficult to fight and for which, at the time, there were no instruments of contrast.

The biblical idea of the universal flood struck our mind as an evocative image of the destructive power of nature, so overwhelming for humanity. Over the months, with the increase in the number of deaths and infections, but also with the help of science that has provided tools capable of containing the disease, more and more spaces for reflection have been opened on what could have triggered this tragedy. A backfire of human destructiveness toward the planet that hosts us and, therefore, towards ourselves, has become increasingly clear.

An extreme threat of annihilation, a pandemic appeared at the same time as a potential opportunity for salvation, a possibility for a radical change in the human models of development and consciences. It was an opportunity for an existential change from an anthropocentric perspective to a completely different view, where the only way for human beings to survive is to reconnect themselves with the planet and nature.

However, during the organization of this congress, with the health emergency still ongoing, a further global threat appeared. After the trauma of the pandemic, another frightening word and disconcerting reality invaded us: the war. The Russian attack on Ukraine in February 2022 proposed once again, to the nth degree, the destructiveness and self-destructiveness of human beings. The specter of chemical and nuclear war reappeared in the scenario of history. Collective consciousness seems to be blind in front of the urgency to reverse this course of events, saving the planet and our existence on it. And here is a new regression, a new denial in the face of a transformative project that the experience of the pandemic might have initiated.

After an initial phase of bewilderment, we felt we had to redefine the area of reflection of this

congress, integrating the three great global crises of our time: pandemic, war, and environment - aware of the common meaningful matrix of these themes.

This congress arises as a need for reflection on the dialectics always present in human beings, which include good and evil, construction and destruction, life and death, with the clear and frightening perception of being at a turning point. Space will, therefore, be given to reflections on the three global aspects that define our time: the psychological and social consequences of the trauma of pandemic, the danger of global warming on the ecosystem, and the nuclear threat of a third world war.

The scientific-organizing committee has shaped the congress dividing it into three parts:

- an exchange among experts from different disciplines, in the hope that integrated perspectives might emerge to understand the complex reality we are experiencing;
- a space dedicated to clinical issues and to dialogues among speakers and study groups that researched specific issues concerning the pandemic crisis;
- a space for international dialogue through a round table, in which to reflect together on the world scenario.

The choice of the location of the Conference, the city of Assisi, was suggested by our shared need to return to feel part of the Creation, a sentiment so powerfully expressed in the Franciscan message. It is a place, at the same time outer and inner, where this intimate connection can be intensely perceived.

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Friday, 7th October 2022

An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Crisis

Chairwomen

Clementina Pavoni, Paola Russo

AIPA-IAAP

14.30-14.40

Filippo Strumia, AIPA President
Introduction to the Congress

16.20-16.45
Discussion

14.45-14.5

Misser Berg, IAAP President
Opening remarks

16.45-17.00
Coffee break

15.00-15.10

Simona Massa Ope, AIPA-IAAP
*The scientific-organizing committee:
from the pandemic crisis to the crisis of
global emergencies*

17.05-17.25

Giuseppe Gembillo, Dept. of Philosophy,
University of Messina
*The reasons for a new alliance between man
and nature*

15.15-15.25

Ross, Songwriter
Love at the time of Corona (video)

17.30-17.50

Edoardo Boncinelli, San Raffaele Scientific
Institute, Milan
Imagining is learning from the future

15.30-15.50

Giancarlo Consonni, Politecnico di Milano,
poet
Nature and the city: two threatened gifts

18.00-18.20

Moreno Montanari, SABOF, School Philo,
Mytobiographical School
Beyond Resilience

16.00-16.20

Mauro Magatti, Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
University, Milano
In a supersociety: benefit or curse?

18.25-18.45

Vittorio Cogliati Dezza, Legambiente,
Inequalities and Diversity Forum
*The unknown drift of the climate crisis,
between environmental justice and social
justice*

18.45-19.30
Discussion



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Saturday, 8th October 2022

Clinical and Research Exchanges

Chairwomen

Monica Luci, Greta Melli
(morning)

AIPA-IAAP

Emanuela Pasquarelli, Maria Rita Porfiri, Paola Russo
(afternoon)

AIPA-IAAP

9.15-10.00

Renos K. Papadopoulos

IGAP-IAAP, University of Essex

Arks for Transformation or Deformation in Severe Forms of Collective Adversity

10.00-10.30

Discussion

10.35-10.50

Coffee break

10.55-11.10; 11.15-11.30

Marta Tibaldi, AIPA-TSAP-IAAP

Simona Massa Ope, AIPA-IAAP

Pandemic and Transformation. A Year to Be Reborn

Moretti & Vitali, Bergamo, 2021

11.35-12.05

Stefano Carpani, CGJZ-IAAP

Monica Luci, AIPA-IAAP

Lockdown Therapy: The Suspension of Certainties

Routledge, London & New York, 2022

12.10-12.30

Riccardo Daniele Pecora, AIPA-IAAP

Eyes without a face. Online Analysis and the Analytic Couple: A Study

12.30-13.00

Discussion

15.00-15.10

Ross, Songwriter
Putin's children (video)

15.15-15.35

Bianca Straniero Sergio, AIPA-IAAP
Keeping all the 'pieces' together: the complexity of family relationships at the time of the pandemic

15.40-16.00

Melania Ametrano, AIPA-IAAP
The man in blue: the crisis of the world between inner transformation and ethical choice

16.05-16.25

Valerio Colangeli, AIPA-IAAP
The magic labyrinth: Covid generation between fluidity and rigidity

16.30-17.00

Discussion

17.00-17.15

Coffee break

17.20-17.40

Franco Castellana, AIPA-IAAP
Reflections on the analytic setting at the time of the pandemic

17.45-18.05

Greta Melli, AIPA-IAAP
The setting in sessions during the pandemic: the transformative dimension of seeing oneself and images in therapy with Clara

18.10-18.30

Federico Granito, AIPA-IAAP
When the why is a mystery. Pandemic, war and lack of meaning in the case of Carlo

18.30-19.00

Discussion



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Sunday, 9th October 2022

International Dialogues

Chairman

Stefano Carta

AIPA-IAAP

9.15-9.25

Ross, Songwriter

21st fucking century blues (video)

9.30-10.10

Antonio de Rienzo, AIPA-IAAP

The necessary sacrifice.

The experience of embodying knowledge in a passage from the Red Book by C.G. Jung

10.10-11.00

Discussion

11.00-11.20

Coffee break

11.25-11.40

Chiara Tozzi, AIPA-IAAP

Staying Together (video)

11.45-13.30

Round Table

The Babel of Global Crises

Chairman, Stefano Carta

Misser Berg, DSAP-IAAP, IAAP President

Toshio Kawai, AJAJ-IAAP, Kyoto University, IAAP Past President

Emilija Kiehl, BJAA-IAAP, IAAP Vice President

Christian Roesler, DGAP-IAAP, Catholic University of Applied Science of Freiburg

Andrew Samuels, SAP-IAAP, University of Essex

Thomas Singer, C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco-IAAP

13.30-14.00

Discussion

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Travel information to Assisi

You can reach the venue, Cittadella Ospitalità, via degli Ancajani 3, 06081 ASSISI (Perugia)

- By flight to Rome or Florence, by train from Rome or Florence to Assisi, by metropolitan bus from the train station of Assisi to Assisi city center (San Francesco bus stop).
- By airplane flying to Aeroporto Internazionale dell'Umbria San Francesco, and then by taxi RADIOTAXI Assisi – T +39 075 81 31 00 (the price is 30 euro).