

5th International
ANALYSIS AND ACTIVISM
Conference

1st – 3rd September 2023
Ljubljana, Slovenia

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**DO WE REALLY HAVE
THE ANSWER?**

A PSYCHO-POLITICAL AGENDA
FOR INTERDEPENDENCE:
BRIDGING **WISH AND ACTUALITY**
IN AN UNHINGED WORLD

Conference organized by
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Slovensko združenje za
analitično psihologijo

“The world hangs on a thin thread,
and that thread is the psyche of man.”

– C. G. Jung

Dear friends and colleagues,

the 5th International Analysis and Activism Conference will take place at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana (Poljanski nasip 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia) between September 1st and 3rd, 2023.

In order to fit the presentations into the three-day schedule, the conference will begin on Friday morning with a pre-conference self-experience workshop. For this reason, it is advisable to arrive on Thursday (or earlier if you wish to spend some time exploring the area) and plan the departure on the following Monday so that you do not miss any of the presentations on late Sunday afternoon.

Our hope is to meet as many of you in person in Ljubljana, therefore we hope you will decide to participate live and to book your ticket as soon the event is bookable online.

We are working to keep the registration fee as inexpensive as possible. As you may remember, this conference is organised pro-bono by the programme and organising committee and the registration fee is used to pay all the costs (location, catering, event production, design materials, web, ticketing platform, etc).

TICKETING AND PRICE

We decided to create 3 price categories

- Full price: 250€ (225€ when purchased before May 31st 2023)
- Students and Training candidates: 125€ (100€ when purchased before May 31st 2023)
- Scholarship: are dedicated to those that are not able to pay the fee or in case your country is at war (and want to participate). Please write us a short email at info@analysisandactivism.com, addressing your interest to participate.

HOTEL & ACCOMODATION

We advise you to book overnight accommodation early, at least three to six months before the conference, to be assured of a room. We made agreements with the hotels listed below:

Grand Hotel Union Eurostars****

Address: Miklošičeva cesta 1, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Phone: 00386 1 308 1270

Web: <https://www.eurostarshotels>.

Grand Plaza Hotel Ljubljana****

Address: Slovenska cesta 60, 1000 Ljubljana

Phone: 00386 1 243 01 00

Web: <https://www.grandplazahotel>.

N.B.: Feel free to contact the hotels directly, informing them you are joining the A&A conference. In case the above 2 options do not match your wishes, we also invite you to have a look at [airbnb](https://www.airbnb.com) and [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)

If you have further queries, please do not hesitate to write us. info@analysisandactivism.com

With warm regards,

The Programme Committee: **Stefano Carpani, Monica Luci, Tine Papič**

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

9:30 – 3:00

Check-in

10:00 – 12:00

Eva Pattis & Caterina Vezzoli (Italy)

Self-Experience: Playing with Sand/Witnessing in Silence

Emma Wong (Hong Kong / UK)

Mindfulness Self-Experience: It is difficult. We are different. How can we connect?

Tristan Troudart (Israel)

Workshop: Understanding Human Rights activism through feeling, symbolic language, self-reflection and group discussion

The above are dedicated for those in Ljubljana only and for 25 people maximum (each workshop).

2:30 – 3:30

Conference Opening Address: A&A Committee + IAAP President Misser Berg

3:30 – 4:30

Joseph Magdic (Slovenia)

Navigating the Waters of Identity: Jungian? Politician? Yourself?

4:30 – 5:00

Coffee break

5:00 – 5:30

Manca Švara (Slovenia)

My Silent Story

5:30 – 6:00

Carolyn Bates (U.S.A.)

There's Something about Uvalde: American Patriarchy and the Slaughter of Innocents

6:00 – 6:30

Stefano Carta (Italy)

History, Paranoia and Fragmentation

6:30 – 7:30

General Discussion / Break Out Session

7:30 – 9:30

Cocktail Reception

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

- 8:00 – 9:00 Social Dreaming Matrix (conducted by Caterina Vezzoli)
- 9:30 – 10:00 John M. Hayes (U.S.A.)
The Whiteness Complex: Breaking the Spell
- 10:00 – 10:30 Valeria Kierbel (Argentina)
To(o) Queer the Analyst – Lesbiana, Junguiana y Sudamericana. Contributions from Queer Epistemologies to Tell Other Stories in Psychology and Psychoanalysis
- 10.30 - 11.00 Andrew Samuels (U.K.)
MEN: Political, Psychological and Professional Perspectives – On Male Behaviours in Society, Family and Relationships; On Political Leadership; On Fatherhood; and On Sexual Misconduct by Male Psychotherapists.
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 1:00 Chiara Giaccardi & Mauro Magatti (Italy)
Co-Individuation and Contemporary Supersociety
- 1.00 – 2:30 Lunch Break
- 2:30 – 3:00 Ferdoos Alissa (Palestine)
Ethical Breach and Dual Loyalties: Psychological Theories as a Tool of Torture of Palestinian Detainees in Israeli Prisons
- 3:00 – 3:30 Iryna Semkiv (Ukraine)
War: Mentalization and the Totalitarian State of Mind
- 3:30 – 4:00 Dmytro Zaleskyi (Ukraine)
A Time for War – A Time for Individuation?
- 4:30 – 5:15 General Discussion / Break Out Session
- 5:15 – 5:30 Coffee break
- 5:30 – 7:00 Marcel Mettelsifen & Maite Carrasco (Germany/Spain)
Watani: My Homeland
- 8:00 – 11:00 Community Dinner

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 – 9:00	Social Dreaming Matrix (conducted by Caterina Vezzoli)
9:30 – 10:00	Dmitry Kotenko (Russia) <i>Russian Identity: Painful Way of Transformation and Global Challenges</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Moshe Alon (Israel) <i>Lod: A Malcontent City with a Malcontent Group</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Tiffany Houck-Loomis (U.S.A) <i>Unhinged: A Prospective Perspective on Being Unsafe</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 1:00	Verena Kast (Switzerland) <i>The Culture of Care in its Importance in Dealing with Today's Crisis</i>
1:00 – 2:30	Lunch break
2:30 – 3:00	Huan Wang (China) <i>Collective Trauma and Political Paranoia During the COVID-19 Pandemic</i>
3:00 – 3:30	Julien-François Gerber (Belgium) <i>Ensouling the Critique of Capitalism: From Marx and Jung to Degrowth</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Alex Sierck (USA) <i>Toward a Genealogy of "Analyzability" in Analytical Psychology</i>
4:00 – 4:15	Coffee break
4:15 – 5:15	Round table with Kast / Samuels / Lynn / Luci / Papic / Carpani
5:15 – 6:00	General Discussion / Break Out Session
6:00	Closing

CONFERENCE MANIFESTO

In the first twenty years of this 21st century, we have experienced major global events with unprecedented condensation and speed – terrorist attacks, wars, global financial crisis, and a still-ongoing pandemic, just to name a few – all of which have had a dramatic impact on the way we live.

In 1946, Albert Camus noted that the century in which he was writing presented itself as the “century of fear.”

How will the twenty-first century present itself and be experienced, especially given that, more than any other pressing issue, the reality and the manifestations of climate change permeates all aspects of our lives? Moreover, and unlike other pressing concerns, the very ubiquity and vastness of the dangers to, and compromising of, our shared ground of being, has resulted in a shared sense of overwhelmedness (that, for some, might result in a collusive non engagement).

In 2015, at the conclusion of the UN summit in New York, 196 countries signed the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its ambitious program was organized around five P's: Planet, People, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership – themes to inform the political agenda of signatory countries in the hopes of transforming the world.

This UN-endorsed agenda strongly emphasized the promotion of human rights and the empowerment of women and other marginalized groups. However, in the more than seven years since the adoption of this agenda, by all accounts the signatory countries have all fallen woefully short of their stated aspirations and goals. What to make of this situation and what lessons can be learned going forward?

We, the organizers of the Analysis and Activism Ljubljana 2023 Conference, believe – following Boris Groys that “there are conflicts that the intellectual cannot escape, that force him into politics whether he wants this or not” – that social change on the scale contemplated by the UN Agenda calls for the conscious adoption and integration of two other, seemingly opposite, P's: Psyche and Politics.

Jung wrote that “the world hangs on a thin thread, and that thread is the psyche of man.” Given this, what is our role as psychoanalysts and activists? Is psychoanalysis in and of itself an activist practice? What do we have to offer to today's unhinged world? Can psychoanalysis be an active part for, and of, change? What can psychoanalysis achieve or realize, in the individual and in the collective, alone or with allies? And above all, is psychoanalysis an agent of change, and if so, in what way? How can the practice of psychoanalysis affect the socio-political-economical realm?

The German sociologist Ulrich Beck describes our current world as unhinged and out of joint and characterizes our current economic and social model of capitalism as “suicidal modernity.” In this context, he underscores that “[the] principle of nation sovereignty, independence and autonomy is an obstacle to the ‘survival of humankind’ and, as such, the ‘declaration of independence’ must be transformed into the ‘declaration of interdependence’: cooperate or die!”

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Do the insights of analytic psychology and the practice of psychoanalysis have a role to play in facilitating the transformation, or transmutation, of separation, separatism and independence into interdependence, connection, and mutuality? Does individuation lead to an experience of the reality of interdependence?

In his Manifesto (2021), Andrew Samuels provides some ingredients for psycho-political activism: do not dwell in safe space, do not try to prove our theories right, and we need partnership!

We welcome submissions on the following themes, broad in scope yet grounded in the perspective of the union of psyche and politics:

- People – rights, identity, migration, marginalized populations, etc.
- Planet – climate change, the natural world, the environment, etc.
- Peace – war, conflict, resolution, national identity, authoritarianism, etc.
- Prosperity – neoliberalism, alternative economic models, alternative metrics for evaluating well-being, etc.
- Partnership – interdisciplinary models and projects, etc.
- Prevention – pandemics, global health, natural disasters, etc.

The aim of this conference is to present and share best practices about our private and collective work as analysts and activists, and specifically to look at where these two meet. We seek contributors to present their understanding of being a psychoanalyst and an activist, hopefully with more emphasis on the actuality than on mere wish.

Please note that the conference will be held in person and in English.

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<https://www.europeanbestdestinations.com/european-best-destinations-2022/>.

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<https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/plan-your-visit/>

ABOUT ANALYSIS AND ACTIVISM

Analysis and Activism is an informal initiative (not affiliated to any existing structure) with a collegial relationship with the IAAP (International Association of Analytical Psychology) which has supported its conferences. Analysis and Activism is a loosely organized group of mostly Jungian-oriented psychoanalysts and psychotherapists as well as scholars who are interested in the intersection of the psychotherapeutic understandings of human nature as expressed in the political life and action of individuals and groups. Some are particularly interested in being politically active in issues of social/psychological relevance where human abuses and injuries are occurring. Most are psychosocial analytic therapists, many of whom are affiliated as analysts and candidates with local organizations and with IAAP. Many are also consultants, teachers, writers and researchers in universities and analytical training institutes. The group is international and its primary mode of communication has been via an internet listserv, and through the organization of conferences and online forums for interviews and talks.

Analysis and Activism has a flat structure and no moderation. It is overseen by a steering committee as well as by its relationship with IAAP.

A "political turn" had been fermenting in analytical psychology and Jungian analysis since roughly 2000. This became possible only after Jungian communities began to engage with Jung's politics, specifically around issues of race, gender, class/elitism. Analysis and Activism (A&A) is the manifestation of this "political turn."

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For more information visit analysisandactivism.org

In case of events beyond our control, such as forecasted or actual storms, earthquakes, floods, war, threats or acts of terrorism, outbreaks of disease, or travel advice issued by any government agency or the World Health Organization relating to Ljubljana, it may be impossible to hold the conference in-person as planned. The conference will in that case be entirely streamed virtually and will not be cancelled.