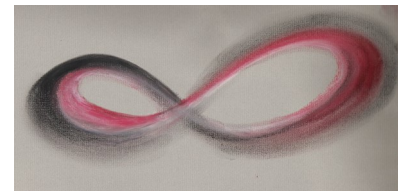


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## Newsletter of UWE Psycho-Social Studies

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### Welcome to the Newsletter for Summer 2016

Welcome to *The Hyphen*: the fourth edition of the newsletter for the psycho-social research group of the University of the West of England.

The main activities I would like to flag up in this issue, though by no means the only ones as you will see, are the 2nd Annual Conference of the Association for Psychosocial Studies at the end of the month and a new issue of the Association for Psychosocial Studies journal. You will find links below for more information.



The conference programme is full and fascinating, with presentations really showcasing the trans-disciplinary of Psychosocial Studies: our theme of being human in challenging times is approached from social, political, criminological, ecological, cultural, organisational, musical, emotional dimensions and there are plenty of methodological innovations being presented. This is in addition to four key notes and international presenters coming from both academic and practitioner backgrounds.

While there is no limit to numbers attending the conference, we will have to close numbers for the Thursday evening session at the Watershed, co-hosted with Social Science in the City, as the venue can only hold a maximum of 120 and spaces are filling up. The event at the Watershed is included in the conference fee, but you should contact [Eleri.Heathcote@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Eleri.Heathcote@uwe.ac.uk) to secure your place.

If you have not registered for the conference yet, do so as soon as possible or you will miss a really great event.

Lita Crociani-Windland

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Psychosocial Studies

*Being human in challenging times*

29<sup>th</sup> June – 01<sup>st</sup> July 2016

University of the West of England, Bristol

Room 2B025, [Frenchay Campus](#)

The conference aims to allow rich psychosocial explorations of the challenges we face, while also exploring what we might mean by 'being human' and how to 'stay human' in the midst of it all. It will also provide an opportunity for practitioners, academics, policy makers, clinicians and students to exchange knowledge, debate, explore and engage with ideas and network with others interested in psychosocial perspectives on such issues.

The [programme](#) is made up with a variety of events and spaces, and contributions are drawn from a wide range of people working nationally and internationally in the sphere of psycho-social research and theory.

The conference committee are pleased to announce the [keynote speakers](#) for the conference.

[Please register to secure your place via our online store.](#)

Join us on the evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June for the conference dinner at the [Holiday Inn, Filton.](#)

To find out more please contact [Lita.Crociani-Windand@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Lita.Crociani-Windand@uwe.ac.uk)

The Conference Committee: **Lita Crociani-Windland, Liz Frost, Anne-Marie Cummins and Nigel Williams**

View our [conference website](#) for further information and updates.

### New Publications



New Edition: [Volume 9, Issue 1, May 2016](#)

Editorial: [Editorial by Liz Frost and Helen Lucey](#)

### Articles

[Depoliticizing Moral Injury](#) C. Fred Alford

[Hikikomori as Disfigured Desire in the Phenomenon of Extreme Social Isolation in Japan](#) Matthew Bowker

[Performing the Psychosocial](#) Myna Trustman

[Once More with Feeling](#) Peter Redman

[Welfare Services in Denmark](#) Linda Lungaard Anderson

### ***Transforming Experience in Organisations: a Framework for Organisational Research and Consultancy***

Rose Redding Mersky has authored a chapter in the newly published book ***Transforming Experience in Organisations: a Framework for Organisational Research and Consultancy***, edited by Susan Long and published by Karnac. This volume is dedicated to recently-deceased Bruce Irvine, who led the Grubb Institute in London for many years. The book explicates the transforming experience framework developed there and utilised in organisations world-wide. Rose's chapter, entitled Transitioning tasks in an impossible context through use of drawings: a case example, describes a consulting intervention that she used based on this framework.

Rose Redding Mersky, M.S., has been an organizational development consultant and executive coach for over 25 years. She offers workshops in various socioanalytic methodologies, such as Organizational Role Analysis, Social Dream-Drawing, Organizational Observation, Social Photo-Matrix and Social Dreaming. She is an International Honorary Trustee of the Gordon Lawrence Foundation for the Promotion of Social Dreaming. She has been a member of the International Society for the Psychoanalytic Study of Organizations (ISPSO) for 25 years and served as its first female president. Her publications have focused primarily on the practice of consultation and the utilization of these methodologies in both organizational and research practice. She is currently studying for her doctorate at the Centre for Psycho-Social Studies at the University of West England in Bristol, U.K. She lives and works in Germany.

E-Mail: [rosemer@earthlink.net](mailto:rosemer@earthlink.net); website: [www.rrm-consulting.com](http://www.rrm-consulting.com).

**'Representation, place and equivalent realities: an exploration of relational perspectives on representation and meaning', *Organisational and Social Dynamics***

**Karen Izod**, Visiting Research Fellow, Health and Social Sciences, UWE will have a paper published in the May 2016 edition of *Organisational and Social Dynamics*:

'Representation, place and equivalent realities: an exploration of relational perspectives on representation and meaning'.

The paper brings together ideas from a number of workshops that Karen has run in the UK and in Sweden, which explore the centrality of 'place' both as a formative aspect of how we develop our patterns of attachment, and its significance in the way that we take up roles and represent organisations. Contexts in which Karen has developed and applied this work include: integrated city planning, working in globally dispersed organisations, and brand creation and representation.

Karen can be contacted at [Karen.Izod@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Karen.Izod@uwe.ac.uk)

## ***Distress in the City: Racism, fundamentalism and a democratic education* by Linden West**

This book is a case study of a distressed post-industrial city, Stoke-on-Trent, in the English Midlands, struggling with various discontents. It draws on diverse auto/biographical narratives from people who live there and psychosocial perspectives to illuminate how racism, Islamophobia and Islamism take hold, rendering the city emblematic of wider problems across Europe and the world. Every day brings news about so-called Islamic State and its seduction of young people in the West. The radicalization of young Muslims causes alarm; even the desirability of multiculturalism is questioned in troubled cities where racism and Islamophobia are on the rise. Through Linden West's holistic, psychosocial analysis – combining psychoanalytic insights with critical theory and the work of John Dewey - racism, Islamophobia and fundamentalism are understood by reference to growing inequality, mental illness and feelings of hopelessness. This in a context of fractured economies, malfunctioning democracies and the narrowing of education's purpose. Vacuums have been created and get filled by racist groups like the BNP or EDL, or small pockets of Islamic fundamentalists. But Linden West also describes resources of hope in the city, such as experiments in democratic education, past and present, and working class struggle against Nazi fundamentalism in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War – the concern for the other – that inspire civic education in schools and communities today.

*An extraordinary study of peoples' lives and emotions...one of the resources of hope we need to pack in our rucksacks'* Professor Emeritus John Field

*'...this is at once a scholarly and immensely engaging work, leading the reader to a place of imagining new possibilities, based on civic renewal – a glimmer of hope in hard times'* Professor Molly Andrews

*'...this is a must-read for anyone alarmed at the spread of totalitarianism, the extension of racism and the loss of democracy'* Professor Stephen Brookfield

See more at: <https://ioepress.co.uk/books/social-justice-equality-and-human-rights/distress-in-the-city/#sthash.fbyGjDgd.dpuf>

If you would like to talk to the author about his new book, or are interested in an article on these topics, he can be contacted on [linden.west@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:linden.west@canterbury.ac.uk); or phone 44 (0) 1227 782732; mobile 44 (0) 7764775684. If you would like a review copy, please contact Gillian Klein on [g.klein@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:g.klein@ioe.ac.uk), phone 44 (0)20 8348 2174

**Linden West** is Professor of Education at Canterbury Christ Church University and a psychoanalytic psychotherapist.

## **Respect, Plurality, and Prejudice: A Psychoanalytical and Philosophical Enquiry into the Dynamics of Social Exclusion and Discrimination**

**Lene Auestad's** new book: [Respect, Plurality, and Prejudice: A Psychoanalytical and Philosophical Enquiry into the Dynamics of Social Exclusion and Discrimination](http://lawritings.net/), (2015) is published in London by Karnac books. Link: <http://lawritings.net/>

Webpage: <http://www.lawritings.net>

Twitter: [@LeneAuestad](https://twitter.com/LeneAuestad)

## Event Reports

### Community Psychology Festival

The second national Community Psychology Festival took place in Manchester last November. It was hosted at the iconic sustainable living centre **Bridge 5 Mill**.



Participation was high as we had contributions from across the UK, as well as Italy, Spain, Brazil, the Netherlands and Greece. The Festival started with a 'Narrative Futuring' collective exercise, whose outcomes were displayed throughout the two days.

A variety of presentations, posters, workshops and thinking spaces was interspersed with experiential-collective activities that allowed participants to get to know each other as well as exchange ideas regarding community psychology praxis.

The Festival was organised with the support of the BPS, and current president Jamie Hacker-Hughes made an appearance via teleconference.

Miltos Hadjiosif, UWE

### Social Care Active Education Event

In partnership with the University of Essex, Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies, and Childhood First, we recently ran an innovative 'Social Care Active Education Event' a training tailored towards accelerated personal development for residential child and foster carers.

This unique 2 day conference brought together group relations concepts - using experiential reflective groups to examine intra - group projections, and interspersed with more didactic presentations and workshops.

John Diamond, Chair, National Centre for Therapeutic Residential and Foster Care; CEO, Mulberry Bush Organisation

### ***Erasmus+ Learning in a New Key (LINK)***

The first transnational Joint Staff Training Event took place on April 4-8<sup>th</sup> in Bologna, Italy, involving arts therapists, teachers, researchers and trainers on the project from Poland, Italy, Portugal and the UK. The first year of this two-year project is now complete and a multiplier event is planned at the Arnolfini, Bristol in September. This European project seeks to develop arts-based therapeutic resources for teachers to use in the classroom when working with young people affected by trauma, and to support the reduction of early school leaving. The second year will focus on the development of impact studies.

Cathy Warner and Leslie Bunt, UWE

### **Forthcoming and Recent Conferences**

#### **~~DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES~~: Psychoanalysis and Social Justice in the 21st Century**

Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society

Call for Papers

Rutgers University Continuing Education Conference Center, New Brunswick, NJ

**Submissions are due by June 30, 2016**

For more details: [www.apcsweb.net](http://www.apcsweb.net)

#### **Solidarity and Alienation**

This year's Psychoanalysis and Politics conference, entitled *Solidarity and Alienation: Social Structures of Hope and Despair*, in the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society May 6th-8th 2016, is now full and the registration has closed.

Link: <http://www.psa-pol.org/?p=461>

You can e-mail psychoanalysis - [politics@gmail.com](mailto:politics@gmail.com) - to ask to be kept informed about future events. The time and place for next year's conference is not yet set - it will be somewhere in Europe for three full days, Friday-Saturday-Sunday in March, April or May 2017 with a call for papers in early October.

Lene Auestad

## PSYCHOANALYSIS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY



### A POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE CENTRE FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY

LONDON

Saturday, 18 June, 2016

We invite postgraduate students and research fellows to submit proposals for papers on psychoanalysis or psychoanalytically informed research. Papers may be from any academic discipline, including psychology, sociology, cultural studies, psychosocial studies, history, literature, art, religious studies or philosophy. We also welcome proposals on clinical or theoretical topics from students on psychoanalytic trainings.

This one-day conference is designed to give postgraduate students from all disciplines who are interested in psychoanalysis an opportunity to present and discuss their research in an informal and intellectually stimulating setting.

Abstracts of 300 words (maximum) should include a title, the name of your university or training organisation and a telephone number. Papers should be no more than 20 minutes long. A further 10 minutes will be allowed for discussion. Sessions of 1½ hours will have space for three papers. There will be concurrent panels to accommodate as many papers as possible. The day will end with a plenary.

The conference takes place at the Hendon Campus of Middlesex University (30 minutes from central London) between 9:30 and 5:30 on Saturday, 18 June, 2016. Tea, coffee and a light lunch will be provided. The conference fee is £45 for presenters and attendees. The fee for Middlesex University staff and students is £25.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, 27 May, 2016. Early submission and registration is recommended. Abstracts and queries should be sent to: Anne Worthington [a.worthington@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:a.worthington@mdx.ac.uk)

Bookings:

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The Burroughs, Hendon  
London NW4 4BT

**ISPSO ANNUAL MEETING, GRANADA, 20th-26th June, 2016**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**Nadine Tchelebi & Aaron Nurick**

Editors of the international journal *Organisational and Social Dynamics*.

***Writing for Publication - a Crash Course***

**Why this Workshop?**

During the ISPSO Annual Meeting 2015, questions were raised by the membership about how to get published in academic journals so as to make more visible the value and importance of our field of knowledge. The proposed workshop responds to the membership's need for information as it aims to help aspiring authors understand the 'dos and don'ts' of the publication process.

One of the core debates that has been winding its path through ISPSO annual meetings for a significant amount of time is centred around how to bridge academia with practice – whether ISPSO should be more practitioner-oriented or should try to become more 'academic'. The workshop sits right at the heart of this debate.

**Method of Working**

The workshop will include a mix of skills talks and exercises, so as to convey background knowledge about the publication process and the dynamics behind publishing, as well as opportunities to 'test out' practical writing skills and receive feedback on progress from experts. The workshop will therefore be tailored to individual participants' needs. We will offer an interactive and stimulating learning environment through ample opportunities for application and exchanges.

We will ask you as participants to come prepared with an issue/thought/experience that interests you and that you might consider developing into a journal article. After registration, we will also offer you two sample papers (one practice-based, one academic) that we can work through together.

**Why Nadine Tchelebi and Aaron Nurick?**

We are the Editors of the international journal *Organisational & Social Dynamics*, a journal that emphasises the complementary nature, and brings together both, the academic and the practitioner realms of inquiry. We have also enjoyed an extensive academic training for constructing coherent and critical arguments and for conveying complex ideas to various audiences. We are teachers and practice-oriented academics, and consider the applicability of our research a defining characteristic. In our work we bridge academic rigour with applied practice through the lens of psychoanalysis and are very much looking forward to working with you.

**Structure of the 1-Day Workshop**

9am Welcome & aims of the day

9:15am Mini-seminar: facing the blank page – from first thought to first structure

9:45am Writing exercise: mind-mapping the argument and deriving focus + presentation & feedback

10:45am Coffee break

11am Mini-seminar: what type of paper am I constructing? Applied consultancy compared to academically grounded papers – issues around bridging theoretical rigour with applied practice

11:30am Case in Action: presentation and Q&A session with an experienced author in our field

12:30pm Lunch break

1:30pm Mini-seminar: ethics, time, space, focus, word count and other hurdles to the writing process - and how to overcome them

1:50pm Self-reflective exercise: The writing strategy – identifying personal hurdles and how to overcome them + Presentation & feedback

3pm Coffee break

3:15pm Mini-seminar: The 'nitty gritty' – referencing, style and other publication guidelines; what are the reviewers looking for and what happens after I click 'submit'?



3:45pm Expert panel with 3 guests & discussion: examples and experiences from having successfully published

5:15pm Close of the day

[Book Here](#)

## A WORLD IN COMMON?

**Group Analysis meets Psychosocial Studies**  
**Institute of Group Analysis,**  
**1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY**

This is Part 1 of two linked workshops presented by the IGA and APS –  
Part 2 will take place on 24 September 2016 (attendance at both workshops is desired but not essential).

Convenors:

Marion Brown (Chair, IGA) and Sasha Roseneil (Chair, APS)

Speakers:

APS: Dr David Jones, Professor Lynn Froggett and Dr Bruna Seu  
IGA Speakers TBC

**Group Analysis** is a long established psychotherapy, with roots in psychoanalysis and sociology, which has a wide range of organisational applications and wealth of knowledge about the workings of groups and organisations and the experiences and roles of individuals within them. **Psychosocial Studies** is a much newer transdisciplinary field of academic research and teaching, which emerged out of dissatisfaction with the disciplinary divisions between sociology and psychology and with existing ways of understanding the relationship between psychic and social life, and which draws on a wide range of intellectual traditions, including psychoanalysis, critical theory, post-structuralism and feminism and queer theory.

**In these two one-day workshops** we will explore what Group Analysis and Psychosocial Studies have in common, what they might have to offer each other, and where they might diverge. Leading figures from the two fields will present short talks to the assembled company of group analysts and psychosocial studies scholars, and other interested parties. There will be plenty of time for discussion of the papers, with small groups in the morning and a free-ranging large group in the afternoon.

Ticket prices: (**Early Bird** / Full Fee)

Public	<b>£49</b> / £60
IGA/APS Members	<b>£39</b> / £50
IGA/APS Students	<b>£29</b> / £40

Please note that the deadline for the Early Bird tickets was **15th April 2016**.

[Book Here](#)



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Conference

**ORGANIZATIONAL AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS**

International Perspectives from Group Relations, Psychoanalysis and Systems Theory

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 November 2016

The Ambassadors Hotel, 12 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0HX

For more information and to book, visit: [www.opus.org.uk](http://www.opus.org.uk)

**Keynote speakers**



**Dr Kathy White** is a leadership development consultant and executive coach with extensive experience consulting to multi-national, multi-cultural groups and organisations. She is Professorial Associate of the Tavistock Institute, London; a founding member and past Director of the Program in Organizational Development and Consultation at the William Alanson White Institute for Psychology and Psychoanalysis; and Director of System-Psycho Dynamic Studies at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. She is a Fellow of the A K Rice Institute for the Study of Groups and Organizations and a former Fellow of the Australian Institute of Socio-Analysis.



**Dr Iain McGilchrist** is a former Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford; Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists; Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts; former Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Director at the Bethlem Royal & Maudsley Hospital, London; and a former Research Fellow in neuroimaging at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. He has published original articles and research papers on topics in literature, philosophy, medicine and psychiatry, and is the author of *Against Criticism* (Faber 1982) and *The Master and his Emissary: The Divided Brain and the Making of the Western World* (Yale 2009).

## Call for Papers

### ORGANIZATIONAL AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS

International Perspectives from Group Relations, Psychoanalysis and Systems Theory

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 November 2016

The Ambassadors Hotel, 12 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0HX

#### Papers are invited on the two main themes:

Organizational dynamics

Social dynamics

#### Topics of the Conference

Reflective citizenship

Group Relations

Power, Authority and Politics

Leadership and followership

Public institutions

Risk and uncertainty

Culture and diversity

Psychodynamics of work

Inclusion and exclusion

Systemic thinking

Individual and social identity

Learning and change

Conflict

New discourses and paradigms

#### Criteria for selection

Abstracts and papers of sufficient academic standard will be considered by the Conference Organizing Committee according to their relevance to the themes and topics of the Conference.

The Conference is seen as an opportunity for innovative thinking. Work in progress – that is, papers intended as a means of opening up discussion on new approaches to the understanding of the subject – are welcome.

**Please Note** that by submitting you are agreeing to be present on both days of the Conference and present your paper on either day and in any Session.

## Submission

### 1. A fact sheet providing

title of paper  
name(s) of author(s)  
affiliation to professional organizations  
Address  
phone/fax  
email address

2. An abstract of 500–600 words (max two pages to include planned sources and reference material).

## Schedule

Submission of abstracts or draft papers	<b>15 July 2016</b>
Notification of acceptance	<b>25 July 2016</b>
Submission of abstracts for delegate pack and registration fees	<b>3 October 2016</b>

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- two free copies per annum of the OPUS Journal 'Organizational & Social Dynamics' (worth £40),
- up to 50% reduction on the fees of other public events (could come to at least £60), and
- copies of all OPUS Reports and can be involved in OPUS activities.

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