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**THE TRAGIC PERSON TODAY:
EXISTENCE AND MEANING, IN LIFE
AND IN CLINICAL PRACTICE**

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Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to welcoming you to the 45th annual Conference, and 3rd hybrid Conference – of the International Association of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology, to be held in Rome, a historical and fascinating City, from October 24th to October 27th, 2024. While we hope to see as many of you as possible in person, the live-streamed format and recorded virtual events, provide the opportunity for the attendees around the world to participate in the Conference.

This event will surely turn out to be a rich, clinically useful and enjoyable learning experience for all attendees in person or otherwise.

Self Psychology, starting from the thought of Heinz Kohut, marks a turning point in the history of psychoanalytic thought and stands out for the attempt to place the subjectivity, in its irreducible forms and articulations, at the center of observation. This issue places in the foreground the disposition to "feel human" as a basis of a Self conceived as intersubjectively inclined towards generativity and the "search for meaning".

The conference theme, **Tragic Person Today: Existence and Meaning in Life and Clinical Practice**, reflects our belief that we are living in a very turbulent time. Our world is adversely affected by many challenges, among them, two wars, great divisiveness and polarization, and a climate crisis. Our very existence is threatened by these serious problems. In this Conference the IAPSP community will come together to address these challenges by engaging Heinz Kohut's formulations about 'Tragic Man' as these 'visionary' constructs relate to this moment in time.

The Freudian 'Guilty Man' is governed by conflict and guilt, and the Kohutian 'Tragic Man' is striving, without ever completely succeeding, to realize in the course of his life the existential project that resides deep inside him. This differentiation between them is located at the very roots of self psychology. The Kohutian 'Tragic man' is therefore a concept deeply connected to the search for existential meaning, and the complexity of possible answers. While the difficulties of our time may seem daunting, we also believe they provide opportunities for growth and transformation in our clinical work, in our IAPSP global community, and in our personal lives.

The conference will host an opening night reception in order to joyfully greet old friends and colleagues, and develop new relationships.

The main Conference will begin with a dedication to the memory and recognition of Franco Paparo and Ingrid Pedroni, two core figures within the Italian self psychology and ISIPSE community.

The Opening night Keynote presentation, will be address by Paolo Vinci, a well-known Italian philosopher. He will provide an outline of the philosophical concept of the 'Tragic person' in tragedy and philosophy. His presentation will be introduced by Amy Joelson.

A fascinating and involving range of four plenaries will address a number of important themes, with specific attention towards the global conditions and times we are living in.

In a beautiful page of "The Restoration of the Self", we read that from Plato onwards, it was argued that healing was born from knowledge. Kohut upholds that before knowledge one must be aware of existing. The search for this awareness can take place in the relationship. This is why the plenaries will be animated by several clinical reports.

In these days, what emerges is that the central problem of the human being arises from the uncertainty of one's destiny which is profoundly complex and problematic.

The first plenary panel, will explore the Kohutian concept of the 'Tragic Person' today from the perspective of four different countries. The 'Tragic Person' captures the despair, vulnerability, and uncertainty of the self. This panel will focus on the broader forces and contexts that impact our patients: the social, economic, political, and existential. We will be hearing how these

context-specific issues impact groups and individuals. Panelists will explore this from their unique perspectives, taking this theme to a more global level of experience.

The second plenary panel, will explore the challenge of being adolescents and young adults in a world pervaded by uncertainty and digital and virtual communication. The everyday subjects that we see in therapy, conceive their own world of values, and their sense of self as uncertain. This panel will develop the influence of the cyberspace in adolescents and young adults in the light of Self Psychology. Particular emphasis is given to the technical changes and to the deep meaning that these evolutions have had in reference to the analytic relationship.

The Kohut Memorial Lecture will compare Kohut's Tragic man to the Freudian Guilty man in which the major problem to bear is the guilt of our oedipal phantasies. The tragic situation instead is trying to find a meaning of life. Tragedy was created to make us aware of the difficulties of life. Along this concept it will be explored: a polarized, versus a dialogic, way of thinking; the tragic situation we are facing about contemporary climate issues; the dangers we face against democracy, equality and diversity.

In the third plenary panel, the essential tenets of complexity theory, or nonlinear dynamic systems theory, will be explored in relation to psychoanalytic practice. Its application to the clinical setting involves reimagining the origins of the intrapsychic, the intersubjective, the interpersonal, and the sociocultural domains of discourse. The application of complexity theory to the clinical surround includes positioning it as a retrospective tool, helping us understand how and why emotional life and meaning emerge, and grasping its prospective use, and usefulness, aimed at a therapeutic action that is most profoundly revealed through the action of our implicit and explicit attitudes.

In the final plenary, "'Anima Mundi' Environments and Psyche: their unity close connection with change" we will reflect on the feelings of disorientation, vulnerability, and climate anxiety. Today life rests on precarious balances, and it is precisely this awareness of instability that leads us as psychoanalysts to think ethically and ecologically. The focus will be to support a phenomenological attitude that overcomes Cartesian dualisms and promotes the dialectic between the assumption of responsibility towards the drama of climate change and a sense of belonging to the 'Anima Mundi'.

The main conference will be preceded by a full day of pre-conference workshops where in-person attendees will have the opportunity for an in-depth exploration of an array of topics, related to the conference theme, including dialogues between speakers from several different Countries, Dream Group, couples therapy, and other clinical topics. We will also offer 25 paper sessions, each presented by two speakers and one interlocutor, addressing a broad range of topics and clinical challenges.

We welcome you to the Saturday night party with dinner and dancing at the elegant 'Royal Space Roma' in the historical Palazzo Brancaccio.

To our virtual attendees: All four Plenary Panels, the Opening Night Keynote presentation, the Kohut Memorial Lecture will be live-streamed and recorded, as will one paper from each of the four paper sessions.

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the International and Italian Planning Committee, and the paper and pre-conference workshop co-chairs, for all their enthusiasm in having shared this wonderful adventure in bringing this year's conference to life.

We are looking forward to seeing you there – one way or another!

Very warmly,

Susanna Federici, Valeria Pulcini

2024 Conference Co-Chairs

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC SELF PSYCHOLOGY (IAPSP)

IAPSP and its governing body, the International Council, are pleased to present the 45TH Annual International Conference. IAPSP, formed in 1984, is organized as a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to the development and educational advancement of self psychology and fosters the dissemination of self psychological ideas.

We hope that you will join us!

Amy Joelson, LCSW, President Amy Eldridge, PhD, Immediate Past President Daniel Perlitz, MD, Treasurer Kim De la Harpe, MA, Secretary
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CONFERENCE VENUE



The conference will be held at the [Auditorium Antonianum](#) in Rome, Italy. This sits in a prestigious location, right in the historic center of Rome; providing opportunity to show the charm and elegance of the past whilst in a perfect setting for learning and community.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This conference is intended for psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and clinical professional counselors at all levels of experience.

PSYCHOLOGISTS: IAPSP is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. IAPSP maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

SOCIAL WORKERS: This program is pending approval by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval # tba) for 24 continuing education contact hours. IAPSP is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers. #SW-0232. Approval for LMSW & LCSW in NYS is for up to 24 Contact Hours.

NURSES, MFTs and COUNSELORS: These continuing education credits meet the ANCC standards for nurses. Marriage and family therapists and licensed counselors should inquire with their local Boards regarding continuing education credit. Attendees from the above professional groups will earn up to 24 (in-person and 16 if virtual) CE credits for attending the conference.

EUROPEAN CME ACCREDITATION: An application for European CME credits will be made once the scientific program is finalized. Further details will be available via the conference website.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA): Through an agreement between the Union Europeenne des Medecins Specialistes and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert EACCMER credits to an equivalent number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Information on the process to convert EACCMER credit to AMA credit can be found at: <https://edhub.ama-assn.org/pages/applications>

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CANADA: Live educational activities, occurring outside of Canada, recognized by the UEMS-EACCMER for ECMECRs are deemed to be Accredited Group Learning Activities (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS will be awarded based on individual attendance:

In-person attendance: Maximum of 24 CE's as follows:

Thursday Pre-Conference Session = up to 5.0 CE's.

Thursday – Sunday Main Conference Program = up to 19 CE's -- in-person.

Virtual attendance: Maximum of 16 CE's as follows:

Thursday – Sunday Main Conference Program = up to 16.0 CE's –virtual

attendance.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

The conference is organized to facilitate maximum opportunity for questions, comments and dialogue between the audience and the presenters.

At the conclusion of this conference, the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the Kohutian concept of the 'Tragic Man', from both individualistic and global broader perspective, and analyze the effects of social, cultural, political geographic contexts.
2. Explain the main and essential characteristics of complexity theory, and demonstrate through clinical example the power of implicit attitudes derived from complex systems.
3. Discuss the implications and influence of Digital and Virtual communication in adolescents and young adults, in the light of Self Psychology.
4. Recognize implications of climate change for the psychoanalytic process in the context of global uncertainty, through a clinical approach and enriching debate.
5. Identify the psychological meaning of Tragic in the ancient and contemporary worlds
6. Analyze the relationship among Tragedy, Philosophy and Psychology.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR ALL LEARNERS:

All presenters and planners of this activity have informed us that they do not have a conflict of interest and have disclosed that they have no relevant financial relationship with any commercial interests pertaining to this educational activity. Additionally, the presenters have been instructed to disclose any limitations of data and unlabeled or investigational uses of products during this presentation. This presentation will not contain any references to off-label (non-FDA approved) use of products or devices.

REGISTRATION

Conference registration fee includes: Name badges, conference app, conference booklet, opening reception and coffee breaks. The conference brochure and other conference material will not be printed.



The conference app, created by Whova will have everything you need. Please go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download the App. Once registered, you will be added to the app and further instructions will be emailed.

Online Registration Available!

You can now register online via the web site [HERE](#). We encourage you to take advantage of this secure and easy process. A confirmation email will be sent via email immediately upon registration.

SESSION SELECTIONS

Due to the number of concurrent sessions and limited space, session assignments will be made strictly on a first-paid basis. Early registration is strongly advised to ensure a place in your preferred sessions. Once we have reached maximum capacity, no further admissions will be allowed.

Please refer to the program to make your selection and then indicate your selection on the registration form or online form. Early registration rates are valid until Saturday, September 24th, 2024.

First Time Attendee?

IAPSP is pleased to offer our Welcoming Program to those attending our conference for the first time. For more information see the conference website.

If you would like to participate, please email iapsconference@gmail.com.

OPTIONAL GROUP TOURS: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

Optional Group Tours:

Tour #1: Vatican Museums, Raphael rooms, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica

10:30am – 1:30pm or 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Price per person: \$45 USD

Meeting place: Vatican Museum

Bookings for the group tours are to be made with your conference registration.

Tour #2: Colosseum and Roman Forum

10:00am – 1:00pm or 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Price per person: \$30 USD

Meeting place: Colosseum

Space is limited on the tours. For details on the tours, please refer to the [Conference Website](#).

For a full description of workshops, plenary programs, learning objectives, and presenters, please visit the conference website: [HERE](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

9:00 - 11:30AM PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS – SESSION 1

(Registrants to select one option to attend)

(A) Therapeutic Process and the Uniqueness of the Dyad: An Integration of Theory and Practice (Part 1)

Presenters: Christina Connell, RP, Jill Gardner, PhD, Daniel Perlitz, MD, Estelle Shane, PhD

(B) From Tragic Man to Joyous Selfhood – The Path of Selfobject Psychology (Part 1)

Presenters: Karina Goldberg, PhD, Ranaan Kulka, MA, Iris Gavrieli-Rahabi, MA, Rona Kuperboim, MSW, Orly Shoshani, PhD, Osnat Schwartz Stav, PhD, Talya Pogrud-Miller, MA, Tirza Bar Hanin, MA, Andrea Shalom Kornhauser, PhD

(C) Introduction to Self Psychology (presented in Italian)

Presenter: Mariangela Tempestini, PhD, Interlocutor: Paolo Stramba-Badiale, PhD

(D) Global Advisory Committee Presents: Non-tragic Dialogues: Global Voices Speak Up

Presenters: Gudrun Prinz, PhD, Xin Li, MA, Karina Goldberg, PhD, Kim de la Harpe, MA, Liling Lin, LCSW, Sibel Mercan, MD, Koichi Togashi, PhD, LP

(E) Couple Therapy and Adult Family in a Troubled World: How Concepts of Self Psychology Can Help

Presenter: Carla Leone, PhD

F) Revolutionary Listening: Empathic Responsiveness in a Global Frame

Presenter: Lynn Preston, MA, MS

12:00 – 2:30 PM PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS- SESSION 2

(Registrants to select one option to attend)

(G) Therapeutic Process and the Uniqueness of the Dyad: An Integration of Theory and Practice (Part 2)

Presenters: Christina Connell, RP, Jill Gardner, PhD, Daniel Perlitz, MD, Estelle Shane, PhD

(H) From Tragic Man to Joyous Selfhood – The Path of Selfobject Psychology (Part 2)

Presenters: Karina Goldberg, PhD, Ranaan Kulka, MA, Iris Gavrieli-Rahabi, MA, Rona Kuperboim, MSW, Orly Shoshani, PhD, Osnat Schwartz Stav, PhD, Talya Pogrud-Miller, MA, Tirza Bar Hanin, MA, Andrea Shalom Kornhauser, PhD

(I) Transforming Tragedy into Vitality: Intersubjective Self Psychology in Action

Presenters: George Hagman, LCSW, Peter Zimmermann, PhD, Aviva Rohde, PhD, Harry Paul, PhD

(J) The Tragic Citizen and Human Existence: The “Psycho-Social Citizenship Dream Group” as a Generative Pathway to Reflective and Deliberative Citizenship

Presenter: George Bermudez, PhD, PsyD

(K) Tragedy and Survival in Literature: MacBeth, Dante and the Ancient Greeks

Presenters: David Shaddock PhD, MFT, Jeffrey Stern, PhD, Marcia Dobson, PhD

11:30 AM – 12:00PM COFFEE BREAK

4:00 – 5:30PM PAPER SESSION 1 AND MEET THE AUTHOR PRESENTATION

(Registrants to select one option to attend)

(A) Surviving: On Mourning and Loss

Paper 1: From the Ashes: Persevering and Changing in Worlds on Fire
Presenter: David Fireman, MSW, LCSW

Paper 2: The Person Who Cannot be Tragic Among Tragedies

Presenter: Şükran Pelin Balci

Interlocutor: Arthur A. Gray, PhD

(B) Twinship: Bridging Difference and Distance

Paper 1: Long Distance Twinship and the Specificity of Positionality: When is Different Too Different?

Presenter: Claire Jaynes, MA

Paper 2: The Train Waits: Twinship and Alter-Ego Experiences in a Delicately Titrated Treatment

Presenter: Lisa Ruesch, JD, LCSW

Interlocutor: Fabia Eleonora Banella

(C) Meet the Author Session: Kohut's Self Psychology for a Fragmented World: New Visions of the Self and Human Community

Author: John Riker, PhD

Interlocutor: Charles Strozier, PhD

(D) Emotional Trauma and Embodied Experience

Paper 1: Traumatic Shame Revisited: Paralysis of Action

Presenter: Lorraine Cates, PhD, LCSW

Paper 2: Self Psychology and Adult-Onset Trauma – Body Inclusive Short-Term Treatment for First Responders

Presenter: Ernst Meyer, MA

Interlocutor: Marina Amore, PhD

(E) Perspectives on Complexity and Intersubjectivity: Two Case Discussions

Paper 1: On Beauty: The Power of Resonance in Communion

Presenter: Ebba Schmitz-Hubsch

Paper 2: Complexity and Intersubjectivity in a Contemporary Tragedy:

Mario and I Looking for a House in Chaos

Presenter: Helder Chambel

Interlocutor: Maria Silvia Soriato

(F)* The Sharing Unconsciousness and the Vulnerability of the Analyst

Paper 1: Shattering, Recollecting and Cocreating the Meaning of Life in the Midst of Pain: Clinical work on Special Women's Existential Trauma from the Relational Self Psychology Perspective

Presenter: Xiaofeng Long, MA

Paper 2: When We Are Undone: Exploring Moments of Vulnerability, Surrender, and Creative Transformation within the Analyst

Presenter: Michelle Harwell, PsyD, LMFT

Interlocutor: Cecilia Belardelli

***Paper 1-F Will be live-streamed and recorded**



5:30 – 6:20 PM MAIN CONFERENCE BEGINS – OPENING RECEPTION

6:30 – 7:00 PM OPENING BY CONFERENCE CHAIRS: Susanna Federici, PhD & Valeria Pulcini, MD

7:00 – 8:00 PM KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:
The Concept of 'Tragic Person' in Tragedy and in Philosophy
Presentation by: Paolo Vinci, PhD
Introduction by: Amy Joelson, LCSW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

8:30 – 9:30AM REGISTRATION

8:30 – 9:15AM	PSC Editors Meeting Chairs: George Hagman, LCSW, John Riker, PhD, Marcia Dobson, PhD	Teaching Interest Group Meeting Chair: Elizabeth Carr, APRN	Students & Candidates Group Meeting Chair: Ashley Leeds, LCSW
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9:15AM Welcome and Opening Remarks, Introduction of ECP Award Winners and PSC Essay Award

9:30 – 11:30AM PLENARY I: The Condition of Tragic Person in Different Cultures Today
Presenters: Gabriela Mann, PhD, Banu Bülbül Çam, MA, Sascha Schipflinger, MA & Liling Lin, LCSW
Moderator: Kim de la Harpe, MA

11:30AM – 12:00PM COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 1:00 PM Post Plenary Discussion Groups

1:00 – 3:00 PM LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

1:00 – 2:00 PM Child and Adolescent Group Initiative Group Meeting:

The Importance of a Psychological Hand in Child Psychology

Presenter: Lynn Borenstein, MSW

Interlocutor: Denise Davis, LCSW

Social Justice Group Meeting: "Climate Café"

Co-Chairs: Margy Sperry & Judith Aronson

Couples Therapy Interest Group Meeting:

Title: Variations in the Couple Setting

Presenter: Cristina Bonucci

Interlocutor: David Shaddock, PhD

Writing Interest Group Meeting

Co-Chairs: Carla Leone, PhD & Heather MacIntosh, PhD

2:00 – 3:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024, continued

3:00 – 5:00PM **PLENARY II: Chasing the Tipping Point: Complexity Theory in the Clinical Surround**
Presenters: Max Sucharov, MD, Koichi Togashi, PhD, LP, Valeria Pulcini, MD
Interlocutor: William Coburn, PhD, PsyD

5:30 – 7:00 PM **International Council Meeting**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

8:30 – 9:30AM **REGISTRATION**

9:15 – 11:15AM **PLENARY III: The Challenge of Being Adolescents and Young Adults in a World Pervaded by Digital / Virtual Communication**
Presenters: Sara Biondi, PsyD, Jackie Gotthold, PhD, Alejandro Ávila Espada, PhD, Christa Paulinz, MA
Chair: Simona Caprilli, PhD

11:15 – 11:45 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45 AM – 12:45PM **Post Plenary Discussion Groups**

1:00PM – 2:15PM **KOHUT MEMORIAL LUNCH*:**
The Shadows of our Smiles: Kohut's Tragic Man and its Legacy to the Contemporary World
Presenter: Gianni Nebbiosi, PhD
Introduction by Elizabeth Carr, APRN

*A box lunch will be provided to registrants. This box incurs an additional cost of \$20.00 per person.

2:30 – 4:00PM **PAPER SESSION 2** *(Registrants to select one option to attend)*

(A) Students and Candidates Papers

Paper 1: Two for the Royal Road: A Moment in Meeting shaped by Mourning, Melancholia, and a Dream

Presenter: Todd Frugia, MFA, MA, LCPC

Paper 2: Finding Hope During Collapse

Presenter: Kateryna Bagan, MA

Interlocutor: Lily Qu, MA

(B) Moral Injury: From Myth to Clinic

Paper 1: Kohut 's and Sophocles' Oedipus: The Birth of Tragic Man and its Resonances for our Contemporary World

Presenter: Marcia Dobson, PhD

Paper 2: Moral Injury: The Existential Loneliness of an Israeli Soldier

Presenter: Iris Eliraz

Interlocutor: Davide Belluardo

(C) Identity: Between Shame and Hope

Paper 1: Tragic Youths: Shame and Identity

Presenter: Rebecca Minto

Paper 2: The Tragedy of Inherited Shame

Presenter: Stefano Borioni

Interlocutor: Orly Shoshani, PhD

(D) The Traumatic Rupture of War and Reconnection: Empathy and Solidarity

Paper 1: Tragic Man, Empathy, Solidarity, War, and Courage

Presenters: Eldad Iddan, MA & Amina Taiber, MA

Paper 2: The Tragic Man in Times of Collective Catastrophe: Thoughts on Empathy and Analytic Listening as a Bridge Towards Potentiality

Presenter: Simona Katz, MA

Interlocutor: Luca Migliaccio

4:00PM – 4:30PM

COFFEE BREAK

(E)* Patterns and Experiences in Psychoanalysis: New Theoretical Perspectives

Paper 1: Behavior is Memory - Introduction to Template Theory, a New Direction in Self Psychology

Presenter: Bruce Herzog, MD

Paper 2: Toward a Pragmatic Self Psychology

Presenter: Daniel Goldin, MFT, PsyD

Interlocutor: Sarah Mendelsohn, LCSW

(F) The Subjectivity of the Analyst and The Therapeutic Field

Paper 1: The Self and The Other: How does The Analyst's Subjectivity come into play in the Clinical Encounter?

Presenter: Massimo Perrini

Paper 2: Present-absent Mother, Present-absent Analyst

Presenter: Ashley Leeds, LCSW

Interlocutor: Elizabeth Carr, APRN

(G) Tragic Consciousness as a Therapeutic Aim (Panel)

Presenters: Heather Ferguson, LCSW and Jan Chess, PhD, MFT

Interlocutor: Enrico Paolini

* *Paper 2-E will be live-streamed and recorded.*



4:30 – 6:00PM PAPER SESSION 3 *(Registrants to select one option to attend)*

A)* Timeless Dilemmas: Empathy, Realness and Reciprocity

Presenters: Malcolm Slavin, PhD and Hazel Ipp, PhD
Interlocutor: Estelle Shane, PhD

B) Social and Political Complexities: How Psychoanalysis Can Help Us

Paper 1: Bridging the Gap Between Understanding and Blame, Dialogue and Rupture, Compassion and Outrage
Presenters: Daniel Perlit, MD and Margy Sperry, MFT, PsyD
Paper 2: Psychoanalysis as a Path to Liberation: Unveiling the Power of Self-Reflection
Presenter: Nariman Sedighet, MA
Interlocutor: Valentina Desiderio

C) Despair and Healing

Paper 1: A Field Guide to Clinical Artifacts and Bones _Guilty Man; Tragic Woman
Presenter: Anna Stothart, PsyD
Paper 2: In the Heart of Darkness: Facing the World's Tragedy Together in Therapy
Presenter: Gökçen Bulut, PhD
Interlocutor: Michele Argalia, PhD

D) Personal Life and Personal Work: the History of Buber and Masud Khan

Paper 1: Relational Homelessness: The Tragedy of Masud Khan
Presenter: Ilene Philipson, PhD, PhD, PsyD
Paper 2: The Importance of intersubjective Systems Theory: An Agent for Change as Seen in the I-Thou Perspective
Presenter: Donna Wolfskehl DiStefano, LCSW
Interlocutor: Petra Purkarthofer, PhD

E) The Subjectivity of the Analyst in the Encounter With The Patients

Paper 1: Dismantling the Barricades: Ways into One's Own Personal Experience as Gateways into a Sense of Connection
Presenter: Margaret Allan, MSW, PsyD
Paper 2: The Flavour of the Intersubjective Encounter: "Finding" the Other in the Reciprocal "Hiding Places".
Presenter: Maria Tammone, MD
Interlocutor: Leslie F. Smith, MSW

F) Couple Psychotherapy and Separations: Broken Bond, Broken Self

Paper 1: Terminable and Interminable Separations: The Relationship Without the Other
Presenter: Cristina Bonucci
Paper 2: Possible and Impossible Separations: Losing the Bond or Losing the Self?
Presenter: Rosetta Castellano
Interlocutor: Karen Bloomberg, LCSW, PhD

G) Tragic Man and an Existential Self Psychology

Presenter: John Riker, PhD
Interlocutor: Gabriela Mann, PhD

** Paper 3-A will be live-streamed and recorded.*

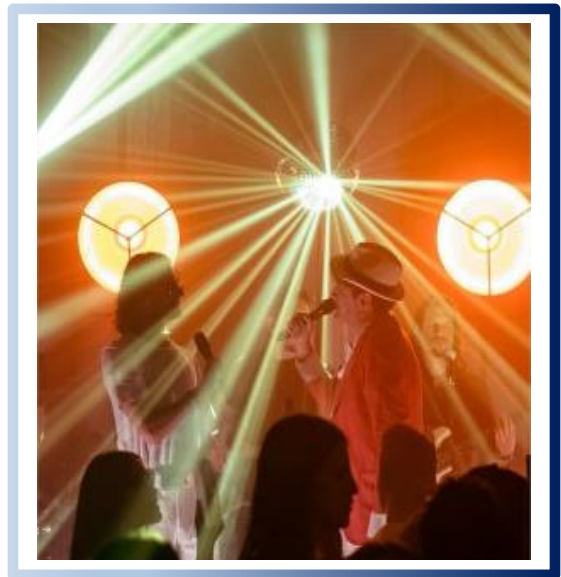
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM Dinner and Dancing!



Join us for Dinner, Prosecco, Live Music, DJ, and Dancing at the elegant [Royal Space Rome](#) in the historic Palazzo Brancaccio, a short walk from the conference venue.

IAPSP's Saturday night party is a special tradition, an opportunity to celebrate with colleagues, and make new friends -- because those who eat and play together, stay together.

CHEERS! See you on the dance floor!!!



Hybrid Conference: Information for Virtual Attendees:

The Keynote Address, all four plenary sessions, Kohut Memorial Lunch plus paper sessions 1F, 2E, 3A and 4D will be live-streamed via Zoom and recorded for those unable to attend in person.

CE credits will be available for the sessions noted above. Attendance will be verified by online reports.

CE credits will not be available for those who only watch the presentations' recordings.

IAPSP will be producing video and / or audio recordings ("the recordings") from this event. These recordings may be used by IAPSP for future educational purposes only. If you participate in the program and have your video/audio on, please be advised that the recordings may contain your recognizable image, name and/or voice. The content of the recording will be owned by IAPSP and will not be available to the public. By participating in the program, you give your complied consent to your image, name or voice to being used.

9:00AM – 10:30AM

PAPER SESSION 4

(Registrants to select one option to attend)

A) The World Today, Between Tragedy and Hope

Paper 1: My Patient is Not Getting Better!

Presenter: Amira Simha-Alpern, PhD

Paper 2: Meaning in Life of Tehran's Recovering Homeless Men: A Phenomenological Study

Presenter: Sepideh Shirani, MA

Interlocutor: Lucia Maiorino

B) On the Power of Music as a SelfObject Experience

Paper 1: A Musical Adolescent's Self and a Tragic Mother: After the Father's Traumatic Loss

Presenter: Marco Bernabei, PhD

Paper 2: "Silence the pianos ... Let the mourners come": How a moment of musical rupture transformed Kohut's Tragic Man, in life and in the analytic hour

Presenter: Ephrat Havron, PhD

Interlocutor: Andrea Harms, PhD

C) Is Losing Guilty Man a Tragedy?

Paper 1: Guilty Man and Tragic Man in Dialogue: Rethinking Difference as Dynamics

Presenter: Cheryl Goldstein, PsyD

Paper 2: Toward The Co-Existence of Guilty Man and Tragic Man: A Social-Psychoanalytic Perspective

Presenter: Ilene Philipson, PhD, PsyD

Interlocutor: Judith Aronson, PhD

D)* Facing Together the Pain of Personal and Collective Trauma

Paper 1: Storytelling in Times of Acute Trauma. The story of June within the tragedy of October 7th

Presenter: Edna Lahav-Zimmermann, MA

Paper 2: The Guilty, the Tragic, and the Transformed: Contemplating Human Potential from Patients' Experiences in the Israeli-Hamas War

Presenter: Uri Moshovitz, PhD

Interlocutor: Raanan Kulka, MA

E) Self-Realization and Freedom in the Analytical Field: Theoretical and Clinical Insights

Paper 1: The Ice Mother Melting

Presenter: Sara Khosravi, MA

Paper 2: Analytic Freedom and The Loving Gaze

Presenter: Shir Shanun, PsyD

Interlocutor: Massimo Segù

F) Tragic Scenarios: Research and Personal Stories Offer New Hope

Paper 1: Reflecting on the Intergenerational Impact of Early Experiences of Being Fostered or Raised in Alternative Care Settings from Clinical Observations of Chinese-Canadian Adolescents

Presenter: Cherry Qi, RCC, MCP, MA

Paper 2: A Self Psychologist in Public Service: Tragic Communities. From the Bronx to Newtown with a Stop in Methadonia

Presenter: George Hagman, LCSW

Interlocutor: David Poulin-Latulippe, MA

G) Clinical Process and Integrative Functions of the Self

Paper 1: Shattering, recollecting, and cocreating the meaning of life in the midst of pain: Clinical work on women's existential trauma from the relational self psychology perspective

Presenter: Weifeng Huang, MA

Paper 2: A Dancing Robot

Presenter: Homa Khorsani, MA

Interlocutor: Fulvio Ambrosio

H) Complexity of Life and Complexity of Clinical work: From Despair to Resilience

Paper 1: Loss, Grief and the Mourning of Gay Men

Presenter: Robert Benedetti

Paper 2: Tragic Man Evolved: Navigating Existential Challenges Through Therapeutic Transformation

Presenter: Douglas Zimmerman, MA. Ed., LCSW-R

Interlocutor: Deborah Sherman, BC-DMT, LMHC

** Paper 4-D will be live-streamed and recorded.*

10:30 – 11:00AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM – 1:00PM

Plenary IV:

Anima Mundi. Environment and the Psyche: Their Unity and Close Connection with Change

Presenters: Susanna Federici, PhD, Paolo Stramba-Badiale, PhD, Penelope Starr-Karlin, PsyD, MFT

Chair: Neslihan Ruganci, PhD

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Conference Closing Remarks and Adjournment: Amy Joelson



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#2: Saturday, Oct. 26 2:00 – 3:30pm <i>Choose selection from A - G</i>		
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Writing Interest Group Meeting	

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Paper Session: Paper Electronic Rental \$20.00 _____	Tour #2: (per person): Colosseum and Roman Forum \$30 per person # of tickets: _____ and time: 10:00am__ or 3:00pm__ <i>Space for the group tours is limited. You will receive a confirmation email regarding your tour booking.</i>
PLENARY Paper Packet (Electronic only) \$20.00 _____	
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