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**INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE ON
PSYCHOANALYTICALLY INFORMED TRAININGS**

INNOVATION, INCLUSION AND INTEGRITY



Date: 26th September 2026 online, 9:00-15:40 London Time



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Conference Registration

26 September 2026 Online

Join us at the
International Postgraduate Conference on
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Register online by scanning the QR code or by using the
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Registration deadline:

18 September 2026 | 23:59 (London Time)

We look forward to welcoming you online!



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About the Conference

Participation is free of charge.

In a rapidly changing world shaped by social, cultural, technological, and geopolitical developments, psychoanalytically informed trainings are continually adapting to remain accessible, inclusive, and resilient.

The International Postgraduate Conference on Psychoanalytically Informed Trainings brings together postgraduate students, trainees, clinicians, researchers, and educators to explore the evolving challenges and opportunities facing contemporary psychoanalytic education.

Through dialogue, reflection, and shared learning, we will consider how innovation, inclusion, and integrity can help shape the future of psychoanalytic training. We warmly welcome participants from diverse to all otherwise, and look forward to the insights, experiences, and discussions that we hope to develop together.





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What to Expect

- 9 presentations by postgraduate researchers, practitioners, and trainers
- Interactive discussions and opportunities for networking
- A rich programme exploring contemporary issues in psychoanalytically informed training
- CPD Certificate available to all registered participants who attend the conference
- Live musical performance over lunchtime by Arie Azhar, a Pakistan-based musician known for his renderings of traditional Sufi poetry and folk songs.



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Conference Programme

09:00-09:15 Arrivals

09:15-09:30 Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Marta Bolognani, University of Exeter

09:30-10:30 Panel 1: Training Communities *Chair: Dr. Marta Bolognani, University of Exeter*

Prof. Nicholas Sarra, University of Exeter

Sacred Crucible. The large Group Community meeting on the DppClinPrac programme at Exeter University.

Dr. Libby Nugent, UK-based Clinical Psychologist

Symbolic Elasticity: When Language Shrinks in Psychoanalytically Informed Trainings

Panel Q&A

10:30-10:40 1st Break

10:40-11:40 Panel 2: Rethinking Psychoanalytic Training *Chair: Anastasiia Khotimska, University of Exeter*

Dr. Jo Stubbley & Dr. Zack Eleftheriadou, Tavistock Trauma Service

Why do we need a postgraduate training in complex trauma?

Prof. Fanny Guglielmucci, Roma Tre University, Italy

Can Psychoanalysis Survive Without the University? Rethinking Training, Recognition and Mobility

Panel Q&A

11:40-11:50 2nd Break



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11:50-12:50 Panel 3: Challenges and Adaptations to Psychoanalytic Training *Chair: Lucy Taylor, University of Exeter*

Dr. Marie Derome, Dr. Dorothee Magni, Dr. Valerie Mortin and Dr. Jennifer Ng, University of Exeter

Containment at a Distance: Trust, Co-Presence, and Infant Observation Teaching in Online Seminars

Anastasiia Khotimska, University of Exeter

A Living Frame: Rethinking Approaches to Psychoanalytic Training in Times of War

Panel Q&A

12:50-13:50 Lunch break Arie Azhar a live musical performance

13:50-15:20 Panel 4: Cultural Perspectives on Psychoanalytic Training *Chair: Panos Vythoulkas, University of Exeter*

Lucy Taylor, University of Exeter

Infant observation making sense of cultural difference

Theodoros Tsirigotis, Tavistock Alumni, UK

The Stranger Within: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Cultural Identity and the 'Internal Foreigner' in Training Groups

José Antonio Hernández Zeind, Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute, USA

Between Two Countries and Two Institutions: Training as a Migrant Clinician

Panel Q&A

15:20-15:40 Plenary session with comments from participants



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Speakers

We are honoured to welcome dynamic voices in psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, and postgraduate training around the world

Prof. Nicholas Sarra

University of Exeter, UK

Sacred Crucible. The large Group Community meeting on the DppClinPrac programme at Exeter University.

Group Analyst (IGA London)

Visiting Professor, Business Schl, Herts Uni

Senior Lecturer Schl of Life Sciences at Exeter University

ACAS Accredited Mediator

Dr. Libby Nugent

UK-based Clinical Psychologist

Symbolic Elasticity: When Language Shrinks in Psychoanalytically Informed Trainings

UK-based Clinical Psychologist and an advanced trainee in Group Analysis with Group Analytic North and the Institute of Group Analysis. Her clinical and academic work explores symbolic thinking, group processes, and the dynamics of language, authority, and meaning in professional and institutional contexts.

Dr. Jo Stubley and Dr. Zack Eleftheriadou

Tavistock Trauma Service

Why do we need a postgraduate training in complex trauma?

Dr. Jo Stubley is a Consultant Medical Psychotherapist, Tavistock Trauma Service lead and hold the D19 post-graduate complex trauma training for psychodynamic and psychoanalytic psychotherapists.

Dr. Zack Eleftheriadou will be one of the first cohort of qualified students on this course. She is a child and parent-infant psychotherapist and an adult psychoanalytic psychotherapist.

Prof. Fanny Guglielmucci

Roma Tre University, Italy

Can Psychoanalysis Survive Without the University?

Rethinking Training, Recognition and Mobility

Associate Professor of Psychodynamic Psychology and Philosophy of Psychoanalysis. Director of the EU-master in Psychoanalytic Studies. Coordinator of PSYLab, research-intervention lab in contemporary psychoanalysis. Roma Tre University. Director of the book series Psychoanalysis and Culture (Alpes). Associate Editor of the International Journal of Applied Psychoanalysis. Visiting researcher at Instituto de Psicologia Universidade de Sao Paulo and Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Brasil).

Dr. Marie Derome, Dr. Dorothee Magni, Dr. Valerie Mortin, Dr. Jennifer Ng.

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ACP and BPC, 3 child and adolescent psychotherapists, 1 adult psychodynamic and Jungian therapist.



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Anastasiia Khotimska

University of Exeter, UK

A Living Frame: Rethinking Approaches to Psychoanalytic Training in Times of War

Ukrainian psychoanalyst, psychotherapist, candidate of the DPPClinPrac programme at Exeter University, certified as a TFP therapist (ISTFP), a member of the Division of "Psychoanalytic Psychology and Psychotherapy" of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine, and TFP Association of Ukraine, and a student member of the BPF.

Lucy Taylor

University of Exeter, UK
University of Essex, UK

Infant Observations - Making Sense of Cultural Difference

BACP registered Psychodynamic Psychotherapist working in private practice in the south of England. Lucy is completing her Advanced Doctoral clinical training in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy with the University of Exeter/BPF. She is also an Arts and Humanities Research Council (CHASE) funded PhD scholar and Assistant Lecturer in Psychoanalytic Studies at the University of Essex. She teaches various undergraduate modules on Psychoanalytic and Childhood Studies. Her research explores contemporary clinical practices and training and the historiography of psychoanalysis. This includes examining trainee experiences in personal psychoanalytic psychotherapy, clinician somatic experiences including sleep, in their clinical work, writing and exploring clinical historiographies, and the clinical processes and use of countertransference in the work of Melanie K

Theodoros Tsirigotis

Clinical psychologist,
psychoanalytic psychotherapist, Greece
Tavistock and Portman, UK

The Stranger Within: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Cultural Identity and the 'Internal Foreigner' in Training Groups

A clinical psychologist, psychoanalytic psychotherapist, and organisational consultant (Tavistock and Portman). He is a trainer and consultant with the Hellenic Society of Psychoanalytic and Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, and a member of the Group Analytic Society International (GASI) and the Association for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the Public Sector (APPPS), among other professional bodies. He works clinically and in supervision within psychoanalytically informed trainings, in Greek and English. His research interests include trauma, memory studies, refugee experience, gender, and leadership, with a particular interest in the application of psychoanalytic thinking to society and everyday life.

José Antonio Hernández Zeind

Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute, USA

Between Two Countries and Two Institutions: Training as a Migrant Clinician

Clinical Fellow, Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute.
Doctoral candidate in Psychoanalysis, Universidad Intercontinental, Mexico City.
2026–2027 Fellow, American Psychoanalytic Association.



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