



The Self, Individuation, Communitas – Reflections on Values in Analytical Psychology

Conference program incl. abstracts

Thursday, June 13, evening

18.30 – 20.30

Private Concert in the historic church of Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune located next to the venue hotel.

Friday, June 14, morning

Overall theme: Values, Central Concepts

09.00 – 09.15

Misser Berg: Welcome and Introductory Remarks on values

09.15 – 09.45

Murray Stein: The Self as Source from which All Values Flow

It is a general axiom that values must be rooted in a first principle, otherwise they become quickly relativized and unable to offer guidance for decisions and behaviour. For Jungian psychology, the Self is “the god principle” from which all structures and dynamics of the psyche flow and to which they must refer as their source. The Self is our North Star. Additionally, the fundamental dynamic of the Self is prospective, creating the movement toward Individuation, the realization of the Self in the phenomenal world at personal and collective levels.

In this talk, I will reflect on the implications of this position for formulating fundamental values that can guide Analytical Psychology in its various forms of expression in the world today.



Murray Stein, Ph.D. is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the International School of Analytical Psychology Zurich (ISAP- ZURICH). He has been president of the Chicago Society of Jungian Analysts (1980-1985), the International Association for Analytical Psychology (2001-2004) and of ISAPZURICH (2008-2012). He lectures internationally and is the author of Jung’s Map of the Soul, Outside Inside and All Around, The Mystery of Transformation and many other books and articles. Eight volumes of his Collected Writings have been published to date. He lives in Switzerland and has a private practice in Zurich and from his home in Goldiwil, Switzerland.

09.45 – 10.00

Discussion

10.00 – 10.30

Leslie Stein: The Importance of the Value of Communitas in a Lonely World

In 1961, the urbanist Jane Jacobs warned us in *Death and Life of Great American Cities* that without a sense of community, our cities will decay and lead to depression and loneliness. The New Urbanism movement starting in the 1980s attempted to change urban planning to physically provide that sense, through walkable neighbourhoods and mixed uses. These were expressions of the need of fostering communitas as a subjective experience of interconnectedness. Now, as cities grow, soon to house 70% of the world's population, loneliness is an epidemic. This was not the case in Jung's time. His "problem of the day" (CW 16, para. 220) for psychoanalysis was the loss of any moral authority by the weakening of the church. We are long past that and our problem now is alienation and lack of community. That connectedness is a value we must embrace as analysts by encouraging our patients and each other, to the extent possible, to give service, seva, as an aspect of the journey to the Self.



*Leslie Stein is a Jungian Analyst in private practice in Sydney, Australia. Professor Stein is the author of 13 books, including *Becoming Whole: Jung's Equation for Reaching God*; *Working with Mystical Experiences in Psychoanalysis*; *The Self in Jungian Psychology: Theory and Clinical Practice*; the novels: *The Journey of Adam Kadmon*; *The Psychoanalysis of Dr Seele*; editor of *Eastern Practices and Individuation: Essays by Jungian Analysts*; *Psychedelics and Individuation: Essays by Jungian Analysts (with L. Corbett)*; and *Varieties of Nothingness (with D. Rickles)*. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Urbanism at the University of Sydney and has been a consultant to the UN and governments around the world on encouraging communitas in urban planning, summarized in his books:*

Urban Legal Problems, Principles of Planning Law, and Comparative Urban Land Use Planning; Best Practice. His work in this regard was given an award by the US Congress of New Urbanism.

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Discussion

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Coffee break

11.15 – 11.45

Andrew Samuels: Is Activism a Value?

I will ask: What is activism? Whose activism? Should activism be a core value of an international psychotherapy organisation? Or not? Can activism be divorced from political commitments, engagements, and ideas? If you consider yourself an activist, where does that come from in your individual development, what are the roots of your activism? If you do not consider yourself an activist, then why is that? Maybe you are an activist citizen but not an activist analyst? Since the emergence of 'the political turn' in many schools of psychotherapy and analysis, much has changed in the relationship between analytical psychology and the external world. But, although I am an enthusiast for interfacing politics/culture and therapy thinking, increasingly I have become more sceptical.

Finally, I will suggest that no amount of work on humanitarian and welfare projects will be entirely convincing if we do not also consider our own professional politics. With the evolution of the profession in mind, what does activism mean? And is it – or should it become? - a core value for IAAP?



Andrew was Honorary Secretary of IAAP from 1998 to 2001 and served on the Executive Committee for 12 years. Former Professor of Analytical Psychology at the University of Essex. In private practice in London. Training Analyst of the Society for Analytical Psychology. Consultant to political leaders, parties, activist groups and think tanks in several countries. His books have been translated into 21 languages and include: Jung and the Post-Jungians; The Political Psyche; Politics on the Couch; A New Therapy for Politics? and Persons, Passions, Psychotherapy, Politics. With Emilija Kiehl and Mark Saban, he co-edited Analysis and Activism: Social and Political Contributions of Jungian Psychology.

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Discussion

12.00 – 12.30

Astrid Berg: Ubuntu - An African contribution to the “Civilization of the Universal” *Ubuntu* refers to a collection of values that are embedded in the African way of being. It regards the individual as living in a larger relational, communal world, one that supersedes the individual. *Ubuntu* finds expression in multiple ways, some are more personal and experienced through daily interactions, while others are transpersonal in that they include the ‘other’ in a more collective sense. The importance of the ‘other’ starts from the way in which infants are cared for and, in the way, families relate to one another, and then extends to embrace also the stranger. In South Africa, this world view was taken one step further in that it became an explicit part of its process of reconciliation. In the Act of 1995, it is formulated thus: “The Constitution states that there is a need for understanding but not for vengeance, a need for reparation but not for retaliation, a need for ubuntu but not for victimization.” Understanding the ‘other’ may be a fundamental value that underpins our work and that could contribute to Senghor’s ideal of the “Civilization of the Universal.”



Astrid Berg MBChB (Pret), FFPsych (SA), MPhil (Child & Adolescent Psychiatry)

Astrid Berg is a Psychiatrist, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist as well as a Jungian Analyst. She holds positions at the University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University. She was one of the founding members of the Southern African Association of Jungian Analysts and its President from 1998 to 2003. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the IAAP and Vice-President from 1997 to 2007. Parallel to this she developed her clinical and academic interest in infant mental health. She currently is on the Executive Committee of the World Association for Infant Mental Health and its current President-Elect.

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Discussion

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Lunch

Friday, June 14, afternoon

Overall theme: Psychological Care

14.30 – 15.00

Monica Luci: Trauma and Values

The theme of values seems to be extremely relevant to that of trauma and vice versa. Trauma-informed psychotherapy, in psychoanalysis and beyond, seems to be grounded in certain core values that guide treatment and provide the ethical analytic space necessary for the healing process. In this presentation, these values will be explored in light of their therapeutic function. Analytical psychology has something distinctive to offer to this theme, showing where these values originate and indicating that they are only possible as a result of a constructive process that tends towards wholeness and integrity in both interpersonal and social spaces. In fact, the trauma we observe in therapy rooms is only the end result of a larger and more complex process that has occurred outside, in the world. Trauma is generally the result of violence generated in situations where the fabric of values has been torn, not only in individuals but also in families, communities, and society. This hypothesis will be analysed through case studies. Addressing the relationship between trauma and values sheds light on the nature of trauma, values, and the mind, which, as Jung correctly understood, seems to have an ethical basis.



Monica Luci (UK/Italy), PhD, is a clinical psychologist, Jungian and relational psychoanalyst. She is a lecturer and researcher at the Department of Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies of the University of Essex, and co-Director of the Center for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees. She speaks at national and international conferences and teaches in academic and professional contexts. She is the author, translator, and editor of publications on the themes of trauma, torture, refugees, displacement, collective violence, gender, and psychoanalysis. Since 2014 she has been a member of Analysis & Activism and since 2020 of the Board of the Journal of Analytical Psychology.

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Discussion

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Alvaro Ancona de Faria: Psychological care and mental health: The importance of fundamental values of Analytical Psychology for mental health care.

In this presentation, we intend to describe some peculiarities of Analytical Psychology's fundamental values that form a singular framework for mental health care. We will explore how these values can influence and construct a unique setting that is essential for psychiatric and psychological care and treatment.



Alvaro Ancona is a psychiatrist, analyst member of the IAAP and SBrPA. Head of the Borderline Personality Disorder unit at the Federal University of São Paulo.

Former member of the IAAP Executive Committee and current president of the SBrPA in Brazil.

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Discussion

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00

Valentina Samus: Challenges to Psychological Care in Difficult Times

In the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainian psychotherapists found themselves not just living through, but also providing support during a life-changing crisis.

We have conducted a series of semi-structured interviews with Jungian analysts, routers, and Jungian-oriented psychotherapists about their experiences in private practice during the invasion, detailing challenges, and adaptations they encountered. The survey was framed across four dimensions: the therapist's emotional experience, boundaries and practice setting, values and identity, resilience, and professional development.

Summarizing the results, we can say that although surviving two years of war and destruction has brought substantial traumatic experiences, our colleagues found resilience and new avenues for professional development. Destruction still continues to this day, but with it, healing and regeneration also persist, reflecting both the devastation and resilience. Paradoxically, the confrontation with the new reality allowed the beginning of the process of restoration from the old collective traumas. In my report, I aim to delineate these intricate processes within the community and in individual therapeutic spaces.



Valentyna Samus is a Ukrainian psychotherapist, candidate in the LAAP. During the first year of the war in Ukraine, as the President of the UDG, she coordinated psychological aid projects for the general population as well as support projects for members of the Developing Group. She has a background in non-profit and human rights defence organisations as a trainer, supervisor, and author of training manuals on HIV prevention, sexual education, and LGBT youth support programs. She has also worked on developing and implementing rehabilitation programs in penitential facilities as a part of the prison reform in Ukraine.

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Discussion

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Tristan Troudart: A polytheistic attitude as a bridge to transmit humanistic values in analysis, in times of war.

These words are being written during the terrible war confronting Israelis and Palestinians that started on October 7, 2023. I participated helping with psychological and psychiatric care with Israeli displaced people. The meetings with them were challenging, because of the traumatic situations they brought to the sessions. They needed positive fatherly energies, and I felt I could bring empathy and support after the feelings of fear and helplessness they shared with me. I could use with them my experience with torture victims. The situation with my regular patients in analysis was more complex. I felt constantly overwhelmed by obscure feelings, with a permanent choking sensation. I feared succumbing to the temptation of being united, belonging to the good ones and demonizing the enemy. Later with the Israeli response and the Palestinian catastrophe, it was difficult for me to be empathic to the lack of empathy that my patients felt towards Palestinian children. I felt the need to be more open with my feelings, using a polytheistic approach, bringing to the session the Anima and the Feminine, Hermes values of dialogue and negotiations, my preference of Athena over Ares in war. I had the need to invite to the session my ideological persona, and sometimes I could do it. That way I could feel freer to open more issues of humanistic values like Human rights.



Tristan Troudart MD, is a psychiatrist, psychotherapist, and Jungian analyst, born in Chile, lives in Israel, member of the Israel Institute of Jungian Psychology (IIJP). Formerly director of the Day Hospitalization Department at the Jerusalem Mental Health Center, Kfar-Shaul Hospital. He is active in human rights work, has participated in projects of training and cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals, supported by Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, and in examining victims of torture, with the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel. He is currently in private practice in Jerusalem. e mail: tristroud@gmail.com.

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Discussion about the Value of Psychological Care

Saturday, June 15, morning

Overall theme: Culture

09.00 – 09.15

Brigit Soubrouillard: Organizational communications

09.15 – 09.45

Toshio Kawai: Psyche as fundamental value and its cultural, historical, and individual diversities

The fundamental value of Analytical Psychology is the psyche which is beyond the personal and human mind. But the understanding of psyche in Analytical Psychology is very much influenced by the modern Western tradition and culture which believe to be universal and global. In the cultural psychology, there is a concept of “interdependent self” in comparison to “independent self”. The idea of self and individuation in Analytical Psychology is based on the idea of “independent self”. In East Asia where the interdependent self is prevailing there can be a different kind of Analytical Psychology, which leads to changes in psychotherapy and training. Not only culturally, but also historically, Analytical Psychology is facing challenges as the modern consciousness seems to be less dominant in the postmodern age. Furthermore, there seem to be people who still keep the premodern state of psyche or stick to modern consciousness. It is very important to respect the individual diversity and development of psyche and also know about their background.



Toshio Kawai, PhD, is clinical psychologist, Jungian Analyst (AJAJ), professor in emeritus at Kyoto University, and representative director of Kokoro Research Institute Kyoto. He was educated at Kyoto University, obtained PhD at Zurich University, trained at C.G. Jung Institute, Zurich, and was president of the IAAP (2019-2022).

*His main interest was psychotherapy outside of traditional framework, such as psychotherapy with psychosomatic patients and ASD children, psychological care after a natural disaster. He is interested in cultural issues and transformation of consciousness (“Postmodern consciousness in the novels of Haruki Murakami” in: Singer, T. (ed.) *The Cultural complex*). He has been involved with the training in Asia.*

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Discussion

10.00 – 10.30

Harry Fogarty: Blind Spots of the Western Mentality: Impositionalism vs. Universalism Whilst we warm to notions such as Ubuntu, mutually liberating pedagogies, and societal and environmental interactivity, in practice we remain quite vulnerable to our privileging habitual blind spots, conflating Eurocentric and North American attitudes with the better truth. My intention is to explore and contrast some manifestations of an “automatic” western mentality, our inherited and lived gestalt, with the awakenings proposed by, among others, Frantz Fanon, Roberto Gambini, climate historian Peter Frankopan, and philosopher Susan Neiman. Aware of problematic articulations in Jung regarding race, gender, and culture, as well as culturally prejudiced symbolic metaphors for transformation, more than ever, we, Jungians, need to expand our awareness of interactivity, observation error, the multiplicity of the Self.

I suggest four aspects of Jung's work, held together, offer a dynamic elixir. Specifically, we will consider Jung's analysis of the interactive mutuality of the treatment matrix, and his often-repeated awareness of observation error – we are collaborative participants. Additionally, we will explore his phenomenological articulation of the Self as a multiplicity: mutual nodes of embodied consciousness centred through interactivity, and his insistence that we exist only in and with both the collective and nature, our earthly climate.



Harry Fogarty is a member of the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association and the Philadelphia Association of Jungian Analysts, serving as Analyst, Supervisor, and Faculty Member. His interests are the interface between individual analysis and the collective, that is the “collective” within the analytic matrix, the reality of the psyche as known through embodiment, the necessity that the analytic matrix itself open up to shared issues of social justice and working on such concerns from within the countertransference. In his earlier career as a Jesuit, he had particular interest in the processes of Liberation Theology and Pastoral Counselling, and in the interface between the Spirituality of Ignatius Loyola and Jung’s method of Active Imagination – the subject matter of his PhD dissertation at Union Theological Seminary, NYC, where he served for several decades as Lecturer in Psychiatry and Religion.

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Discussion

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Coffee break

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Grazina Gudaite: Freedom and dignity in a post- authoritarian culture

The value of freedom is deeply rooted in human history and could be accepted as a driving force for transforming the lives of individuals, groups or even cultures. Freedom enables individuals to express their individuality and explore their potential, and it fosters a sense of dignity that is the basis for experiencing the uniqueness of the individual. The interplay between freedom and dignity is complex as it involves the development of the self and the inner system of relationship. It means cultivating relationships with the unconscious and increasing awareness of the vertical axis of life experience. The Jungian approach can provide good tools for experiencing inner freedom and understanding the deepest meaning of dignity. In my presentation I will explore some aspects of the interplay between freedom and dignity. My talk will be based on reflections from analytical practice, on research done at Vilnius University and on some Jungian ideas that lead to a deeper understanding of the realization of the basic values of freedom and dignity.



Grazina Gudaitė, PhD, is a professor of psychology at the University of Vilnius and a Jungian psychoanalyst. She is the author of several books and articles in analytical psychology on issues of cultural trauma and issues of authority in post-Soviet culture. She has been a member of the IAAP Executive Committee since 2016 and Vice President of IAAP since 2022. She is chair of the LAAP Training Committee and has a private practice in Vilnius.

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Discussion

12.00 – 12.30

Sara Liuh: Jungian analysis as a way of a new cultural renewal

Analytical psychology was introduced to East Asian societies as a specific psychotherapy method. Its popularity may have been due to its highly consistent core concepts with Eastern cultures. The concepts of Self and individuation are consistent with the Eastern spiritual traditions. But the true value of Analytic psychology in Eastern Asian communities might be imbedded in its modern attributes, the psychotherapy method and its value of individuality. Through analysis, healing psychological trauma became a way to establish a new knowledge about oneself and one's culture. Analytical psychology provides a psychotherapeutic approach, through personal analysis, to challenge values of traditional culture. Personal trauma and mental illness became the displace of cultural negativity. The process of trauma healing itself is a process of cultural re-examination and the individuation process is a kind of re-creation of culture. New culture could develop from exploring the deep level of personal trauma. This is the contribution of analytical psychology that could offer a transition of the old civilizations into the modern world, which makes personal trauma work as an entry point for the cultural renewal.



Shiuya Sara Liuh, Ph.D. a licensed psychotherapist, Jungian analyst in Taiwan (TSAP). She is vice-president of Taiwan Society of Analytic Psychology, and the director of Jungian psychotherapy training program in Shiuli Foundation. She was trained in ISAP Zurich and the visiting analysis in China, Shanghai developing group. She has her private practice in Taipei and teaches in China, Hong Kong and Malaysia. Her research interests are related with femininity & culture.

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Discussion

12.45 – 14.30

Lunch

Saturday, June 15, afternoon

Overall theme: Communitas

14.30 – 15.00

Gary Read: How outreach work shapes values: A Zimbabwe case study.

Outreach work can play a pivotal role in reflecting and shaping an organizations core values. Often, an organization is required to adapt its values to the specific context in which it operates. This presentation will focus on the outreach initiatives of the South African Association of Jungian Analysts (SAAJA) in response to a growing interest in Jungian psychology in neighbouring Zimbabwe. Over a period of 8 years the Zimbabwe group has evolved from a reading group into a fully-fledged society. This society has emerged in the context of an authoritarian government that is sceptical of non-profit organizations.

Furthermore, this evolution has unfolded against the backdrop of a complex historical narrative, marked by a legacy of Colonialism, white minority rule, Civil war, and post-independence authoritarian governance. Moreover, within the broader African context there is a discernible trend towards decolonizing western psychology and challenging the inherent racism within it. For the presenter, a white analyst, navigating this intricate landscape has required a high degree of receptivity to diverse cosmologies, cultural beliefs, and practices. Notably, this engagement has required a continual evaluation of the Eurocentric assumptions, core values and expectations of western psychological approaches in an African context.



Dr. Gary Read is a qualified School Counsellor, Clinical Psychologist and Jungian Analyst. He works in Private Practice from the C. G. Jung Centre in Cape Town, South Africa, where he uses his skills as a counsellor, psychotherapist, and analyst. He grew up in Zimbabwe and is a founding member of the Zimbabwe Society for Analytical psychology. He has a particular interest in developing appropriate models of treatment for mental health needs in the African context.

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Discussion

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Brigit Soubrouillard: Gratitude and Communitas

Jung warns us that Individuation does not shut one off from the world but gathers the world into oneself. It is not a selfish project; on the contrary, contributing to the world nurtures the process of individuation. The impulse to contribute comes essentially from our gratitude for what we have received, and our gratitude for those from whom we have received it. Gratitude fuels our desire to contribute. Our IAAP community is based on volunteer work and many other forms of contribution. As the IAAP is expanding worldwide, and as new Routers and Candidates are training to become the future foundation of our community, it seems important to recognize and promote gratitude and contribution as part of our core values, an attitude all the more important in the current zeitgeist of individualism and consumerism.



Brigit Soubrouillard, Ph.D. lives and works in private practice in Strasbourg France. She is currently a Vice President of the IAAP, the Regional Organizer of the Router Program for the Central Europe and Mediterranean/Atlantic regions, the Liaison Person for the Hong Kong Developing Group, and the Chair of the Child and Adolescent Working Party. She was President of the French Society SFPA. She trained in Zurich in the double program of adults and child and adolescent analysis and holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Pacifica Graduate Institute.

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Discussion

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Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00

Marianne Müller: Conflicts and their potential for solutions - Mediation within our community

In this paper, I explore the dynamics of opposites in the psyche of the individual and discuss how this imprint affects social coexistence burdened by conflicts. I am guided by the understanding of analytical psychology, both of the divergent and the integrating psychological forces. On the one hand, this is a matter of the dynamics between the conscious and the unconscious with their inhibiting effects in the coexistence of individuals. These dynamics manifest themselves, for example, through projection or defence. On the other hand, I address their activating effects, such as the promotion of dialog and conflict-transcending forces. Mediation is, therefore, also about the integrating function of ego and self in their inner and intrapsychic dynamics. I include other helpful concepts for understanding intersubjectivity. In this sense, I understand mediation within our community as an opportunity for liberation, renewal, further development or simply the clarification of a blocked life, cooperation, or organizational situation. The central aim of mediation is to strengthen the cohesion of our community and its significance for the individual and for analytical psychology in general. I will introduce some principles of mediation, its process and practice.



Marianne Müller is a graduate of the C.G. Jung Institute Zurich (1996) and of the University of Berne (Master of Law 1981, Clinical Psychology 1998) and has a Certificate in Mediation. She was president of the International Association for Analytical Psychology (IAAP) from 2016 – 2019, and president of the Swiss Society for Analytical Psychology (SGAP) from 2004 – 2010. She is a training analyst and supervisor at the C.G. Jung Institute Zurich, and Liaison Person for the IAAP Router Training in Greece. For many years she was the Regional Organizer for the IAAP Education Committee in Central Europe and has been engaged in training at many places. She works in private practice as analyst, supervisor and mediator in Berne and Zurich.

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Discussion

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Tom Kelly: The Ethics and Communitas

The Code of Ethics of the IAAP is a document that reflects and defines the underlying values of the IAAP by clearly setting minimal guidelines for the expected behaviour of the members of the IAAP in their work as analysts and as individuals. As guidelines, these documents are extremely valuable in that they set what are hoped to be clear limits as to what is expected of the membership. Yet, as clear as these guidelines may seem, each complaint or issue that is brought before the Ethics Committee brings with it questions concerning the limits of these guidelines and, most importantly, the underlying values they are meant to uphold. This matter is further complicated when we consider that many of these values are based on cultural expectations, some of which may not reflect or be in accordance with the values of other cultures.

As the judicial branch of the IAAP, the Ethics Committee frequently evokes ambivalent feelings and reactions since it is usually associated to problematic or crisis situations. On the other hand, there is also a certain appreciation and sense of thankfulness that such a resource can be called upon when problematic situations arise.

This presentation will aim to explore how the Ethics Committee can more actively promote and contribute to discussion and exchange among colleagues of the values that unite us and, most importantly the differences that divide us, as a venue to help promote a more authentic sense of *communitas* within our community.



Tom Kelly is past president of the International Association for Analytical Psychology (IAAP, 2013 – 2016), past-president of the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts (1999 - 2003) and past- president of the Council of North American Societies of Jungian Analysts (CNASJA). He served as the North American Editor of the Journal of Analytical Psychology from 2017 – 2020 and is co-editor, with Grazina Gudaite, of “Core Competencies in Jungian Psychoanalysis: Research, Practice and Training” (2023). Tom has lectured and taught in numerous Developing Groups of the IAAP and was Liaison Person for the Dominican Republic. He is the current Chair of the Ethics Committee of the IAAP. Tom lives and has a private practice in Montreal, Canada.

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Discussion

20.00 - Gala Dinner at La Maison Kammerzell restaurant

Sunday, June 15, morning

Overall theme: Values of Training and Conclusions

09.00 – 09.15

Brigit Soubrouillard: Organizational communications

09.15 – 09.45

Jan Wiener: What are we training people for?

My presentation will focus on some of the unconscious assumptions behind the trainings we organise, both in our individual institutes and more widely within the router programmes and developing groups in different parts of the world. Issues to be addressed will include:

Are we more interested in training good clinicians, those who can use theory or are we rather training people to think?

We try to facilitate a process of learning in training that permits candidates to find their own voices and style of working, but do we really value this and put it into practice?

As teachers and trainers, do we become so embedded in the culture of our own institutes and our founding fathers and mothers (Jung, Fordham, Neumann etc.) that we cannot listen properly to others who have different internal working models to our own?

Unaccountable power in our training courses. When authority can slip uncomfortably into the inappropriate use of power.



Jan Wiener is a Training Analyst and Supervisor for the SAP in London. She has until fairly recently been Director of Training at the SAP. Her long-term interest in training developed further during her time as Co-Chair of the IAAP Education Committee from 2010 to 2013 where she has the opportunity to think about and develop procedures for the IAAP multi-cultural router trainings and understand more about the specific dynamics of training in Eastern European cultures. She has written many chapters and papers on topics such as training, transference, supervision, and ethics. She is author/editor of 4 books, the most recent of which 'Jungian analysts working across cultures: from tradition to innovation' was edited with Catherine Crowther and published by Routledge in 2021.

09.45 – 10.00

Discussion

10.00 – 10.30

Yehuda Abramovitch: Between knowledge and values

"What is it that we teach when we train students in Analytical Psychology? Is it a body of knowledge? Do we train students, or ourselves, to be Jungian Analysts by delving into subjects like Complex Theory, Interpretation of Dreams, Mythologies, Typology, The structure of the Archetype, etc.? What is the relation between a body of knowledge and values, the subject of our conference?"

In my talk, I will maintain that there is separation between a body of knowledge and values or ideology. Whereas the former aims at objectivity, values aim to diversity, they are individual. There are different ways to define values. A good definition maintains that values pertain to those non-essential things that lead a person to cling to them, even at a high price or at the expense of meeting his needs. If we believe Jungian Analysis is the strive to recognize one's shadows, to grasp the meaning in the symbolic images of the soul, if we believe we train for individuation in the sense that we live in the internal and the external world concomitantly, in a unitary reality, then we have to accept that our training is primarily a training to values and not to knowledge. A training of individuals. Awareness and comprehension of this gap between values and knowledge should accompany and influence the way we train in Analytical Psychology.



Yehuda Abramovitch M.D. is a Psychiatrist and a Jungian Analyst with the Israel Institute of Jungian Psychology in Honor of Erich Neumann where he served as president between 2017 and 2021. He studied in Florence and Tel Aviv and is a graduate of the Tel-Aviv University Medical School. Between 1994 and 2016 he was Head of Psychiatry at the Beer-Yaakov mental Health Center Affiliated to the Tel Aviv University Medical School and he is the co-founder of the three years Diploma Program in Jungian Psychotherapy at Bar-Ilan University. He has been teaching medical students, psychiatry residents, psychotherapy students, and students of analytical psychology for over thirty years. Since 2012 he is the IAAP Liaison Person in Romania.

He has lectured internationally and in many Jungian conferences. He lives in Tel Aviv and is a Training and Supervising Analyst with IJJP. He has a private practice in Tel Aviv.

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Discussion

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Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30

Round table discussion on the Self, Individuation, and Communitas as a Core Value of Analytical Psychology. *(Participants in the round table will be decided later).*

12.30 – 13.00

Final discussion and closing remarks.