

[Those of you outside North America and Western Europe are particularly welcome to submit proposals. So, too, are candidates and students plus those who have not spoken before at our conferences.]

Dear Analysis and Activism,

The time has come to ask you to submit papers for our combined fourth Analysis and Activism conference and sixth Presidential Election conference, to be held with support from IAAP and organised by the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco. The conference will be held in Berkeley, California with easy access to San Francisco by Bay Area Rapid Transit across the Bay.

The dates are from October 15th thru October 18th 2020.

Berkeley is home to one of the world's great universities as well as being the famous centre of radical political and innovative art activity: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berkeley,\\_California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berkeley,_California) The venue is an award-winning ecologically sensitive centre, the Brower Center: <https://browercenter.org/>

A final practical note. We are going to charge for the conference in 'bands', meaning that there will be a variety of prices depending on a person's location. We really want to see people from Latin America, Asia and Africa at the conference, *and speaking there*. It is lucky that cheap flights to Oakland have opened up recently. This airport is near the venue.

The closing date for submitting a proposal is September 15<sup>th</sup> this year (2019). Proposals will be considered for both the Analysis and Activism portion of the conference and for the Presidency part of the conference (see below). Please send proposals to [andrew@andrewsamuels.net](mailto:andrew@andrewsamuels.net) who will share them with the others on the programme committee. The decisions will be taken by the committee.

The four day conference (evening of Thursday October 15, 2020 thru early afternoon of Sunday, October 18, 2020 ) will be held in the weeks just before to the 2020 US Presidential Election, to which a whole day will be devoted. This will be an exciting feature. The event incorporates the sixth Presidential Election conference organised by the C. G. Jung Institute of San Francisco under the auspices of Tom Singer. The Institute also sponsors our conference with support from the IAAP.

The title of the conference is *The Reality of Fragmentation and the Yearning for Healing: Jungian Perspectives on Democracy, Power and Illusion in Contemporary Politics*. The mission statement and a list of possible themes is pasted below our signatures.

There will be a mix of invited speakers and those submitting proposals. As we say, we specifically want to encourage new speakers (including candidates/trainees), those from areas outside Western Europe and North America, and from communities and groups under-represented in professional, clinical analytical psychology. Proposals from academics and students are also welcomed. We use a format in which each speaker is limited to 17.5 minutes on a panel. This, we have found, really helps to have a

**good discussion. The conference is as much a meeting of hearts, minds and spirits as anything. Proposals from groups and teams are welcomed provided the 17.5 minutes time limit is kept to.**

**We have always dialogued with those proposing papers with a view to facilitating their final presentation. Before sending anything, please read the mission statement below and then send us one or more proposals plus the biography you would like us to use if you are successful. *Keep the length of your proposal(s) to around 250-300 words.***

**Best wishes,**

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

C.G. Jung wrote in 1946 that ‘We are living in times of great disruption: political passions are aflame, internal upheavals have brought nations to the brink of chaos...[The analyst] feels the violence of its impact even in the quiet of the consulting room.’

Jungian analysis and psychology are amongst the many sources of new optimistic, imaginative political ideas and engagement that are intended to lead to a revitalization of today’s suffering world. Jungian approaches to politics seek to combine ‘the spirit of the depths’ with ‘the spirit of the times’.

Analysis and critique sit alongside activism and passion. What happens in the consulting room is not split off from what happens in the world.

Participants can expect a blend of down to earth understandings, based on activist experience, together with what comes from the inner world of imaginative expression, fantasy and dreams. There will also be something for those interested in theoretical developments in this area.

The conference brings together two important strands of the evolving relationship between Jungian ideas and political and social issues. First, the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco has presented influential conferences since 1996 at the time of the US Presidential Election. This particular conference will be held a few weeks before the 2020 election.

The second project is the ground breaking series of Analysis and Activism conferences organised with the support of the International Association for Analytical Psychology. This conference will be the fourth of its kind, following events in London, Rome and Prague.

Are geopolitics worse in our time than hitherto? This is an open question. Yet it certainly feels to many that this is the case, and that things are getting more fragmented, partisan, elitist and founded on illusion than before. The relationship between power and its inequities and the hope of democracy is certainly fraught with difficulties and anxieties. Hence there is the heartfelt yearning for healing referred to in our conference’s title. We anticipate a meaningful event, inspiring for sure, but also avoiding easy and uplifting answers.

Apart from national and international perspectives on the US Presidential Election, here is a far-from comprehensive list of the themes likely to be active at the conference:

Migration, asylum and the refugee experience  
Racial prejudice and racism  
Sex and gender inequalities  
Economic inequality  
Conflict and war in society and in the world  
Ecological and environmental concerns  
Populist politics  
Nationalism and xenophobia  
Fundamentalism and fanaticism  
Political violence, structural violence, state violence  
Citizenship, participation, apathy  
Identity politics  
Hope and dread  
Spirituality and the political  
Role of depth psychology in connection with politics  
Activist narratives and depictions  
Clinical experiences of psyche and *polis*

There will also be a social dreaming matrix or a movement session each morning. Plus meetings in smaller groups.