



V. European Conference for Analytical Psychology

August 18 - 22. 2021, Berlin, Germany

Call for Participation

The Program Committee for the V. European Conference for Analytical Psychology is delighted to invite proposals for lectures and workshops

The theme of the Congress will be:

Analytical Psychology in Dialogue, Discourse and Confrontation

Where do we come from? - Where are we now? - Where are we going?

The venue for the Conference is:

The Hilton Hotel at the Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin.

At the IAAP Congress in Vienna in August 2019, the representatives of the European Jungian Societies selected Berlin as the next venue for the V. European Conference 2021. As representatives of the DGAP we welcome this decision and feel honoured to organize this event. Berlin is a unique city, divided several times in its history; it has been successfully reunited in 1989 and is characterized today by its pulsating diversity, which provides high symbolic value to the theme of our conference. It is an ideal place to deliberate the divisions and controversies within and outside Analytical Psychology and to develop new ideas for a common future.

Where do we come from?

The uniqueness of Analytical Psychology has historically developed from a profound conflict between Jung and Freud over the different understanding of the unconscious. As a result of this separation, C.G. Jung's own direction developed into what we now specify as "Analytical Psychology" among other psychoanalytical and psychodynamic theories and therapeutic methods.

Where are we now?

In many respects, we may still face the consequences of this original conflict: The representatives of the different psychodynamic theoretical models often do not manage to coexist in their complexity and are unable or unwilling to appreciate each other. Some representatives of Analytical Psychology are also divided among themselves, as their respective convictions appear incompatible. In addition, we presently experience counterproductive political efforts from National Health Care Systems, currently especially in Germany through a new law on the training of psychotherapists. There may be a significant risk that all of the psychodynamic theoretical models will be marginalised and lose their political and social significance. This development can especially progress if all of us, who represent different theoretical models under the umbrella of psychodynamic theory, do not succeed in developing common strategies to speak with a strong united voice.



Where are we going?

Can we find a way to enter into dialogue with one another, to learn from one another, to coexist and grow together? In this development process, the aim should be to emphasize our common theoretical foundations on the one hand, but to respect the diversity of different theoretical interpretations or even of different practical approaches on the other hand. The importance of research in this respect needs to be accentuated since political and social recognition is widely based on research results. Another important matter is the integration of the younger generation into this process in order to create room for new ideas, developments, and concepts.

Engaging in a professional discourse with representatives of other psychoanalytical perspectives requires solid self-confidence and profound knowledge of theoretical foundations that one can identify with. The Jungian approach offers a unique perspective that needs a strong voice in a diverse psychoanalytic community. Under these premises, the conference will enable a lively exchange with colleagues, also from other disciplines but at eye level.

We would be pleased to receive theoretical and clinical presentations that will be based on critical reflections of known and novel concepts of psychodynamic theories. It is our goal to bring the Analytical Psychology in Dialogue, Discourse and Confrontation with other psychodynamic theoretical models. The major objective is to accentuate the value of our own Jungian model(s) in comparison with others. Another goal is to facilitate the plea for unity of all psychodynamic theoretical models based on mutual respect for diversity.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of proposals is the **1st of July 2020**. Please also note that should your proposal be accepted no honorariums or expenses can be paid to presenters. Submission of a proposal implies the willingness to attend the entire Congress if the proposal is accepted. Presenters must then pre-register for the Congress and may take advantage of the early registration discount. Presenters may also be asked to act as moderators or session chairs for other presentations during the congress.

We look forward to receiving your proposals.

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