

LOSS AND THE PARADOXICAL TIME OF PSYCHE

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THE DIALECTIC OF LOSS

Date: November 22, 2025

Timing

- Lecture: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Discussion & Q&A: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Overview

Individuals who seek psychotherapy frequently contend with various manifestations of loss—the death of a significant other, personal setbacks or failures, the deterioration or perceived decline of mental or physical faculties, or the imminent approach of death itself. Each person endeavors to recover what has been lost. However, that which is lost does not return in its original form. In this talk, the concept of loss within the context of psychotherapy will be examined—not through the conventional framework of "mourning work," but rather from a dialectical, specifically Jungian, perspective.

Speaker | **Dr. Yasuhiro Tanaka**

Dr. Tanaka serves as Professor of psychology at Kyoto University, Director and Chairman of the Academic Committee of the AJAJ (Association of Jungian Analysts, Japan), Executive Director and Chief Secretary of the Japanese Association of Sandplay Therapy, and former Chief Secretary of the IAAP. He is also the IAAP Asia Regional Organiser Professor Tanaka's major research interest lies in cross-cultural dream analysis and the concept of otherness in Jungian psychology.

Respondent | **Dr. Toshio Kawai**

Interpreter | Cathrine Chu (朱惠英)

PSYCHOTHERAPY AND THE TIME OF PSYCHE

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Overview

Psychotherapy is conducted within a limited timeframe, yet precisely because of this limitation, it is also paradoxically infinite. Furthermore, while the concept of trauma emphasizes the past, Lacan's understanding of the unconscious centers on desire and the future. In contrast, the focus on the 'here and now' and the Jungian approach to image can be said to center on the present. I would like to examine the time of the psyche, including the pathology of time in psychotherapy, using case studies and children's literature as guides.

Speaker | **Dr. Toshio Kawai**

Dr. Kawai is a retired Professor of psychology at Kyoto University, Vice President of the Japanese Association of Sandplay Therapy, and former President of the IAAP (International Association for Analytical Psychology). Dr. Kawai's research interests include clinical psychology, cultural and historical contexts of psychotherapy, and contemporary consciousness in psychotherapy. He is also interested in the internal reading of literature and religious studies.

Respondent | **Dr. Yasuhiro Tanaka**

Interpreter | Yu-Han Chen (陳育涵)

Key Information

- Eligibility: Open to professionals in related fields with a specific interest in Jungian analysis and Jungian-oriented psychotherapy.
- Language: The instructor will lecture in English, with consecutive interpretation into Chinese.
- Participation Method: The event will be held simultaneously online and in-person.
 - Note: Only online participation is accepted for attendees residing outside of Taiwan.
- Online Access: The event will be conducted via Zoom. The access link will be emailed to all registered attendees two days prior to the event.

Recording & Replay

A full recorded replay will be provided for a period of two months.

- The replay will include subtitles that are AI-translated, displaying both Chinese and English text.

Registration Information

Course Fees

One Lecture **\$ 45USD**

Two Lectures **\$ 85USD**

Registration Deadline **Tuesday, November 19, 2025**

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