The 43rd Annual IAPSP International Conference: Freedom & Transformation: Opportunities & Challenges will be held in Washington, DC, USA, from Thursday, October 15 to Sunday, October 18, 2020. We invite you to join us in the historic city of Washington, DC, to explore together the role of freedom – personal, analytic, and political – both in and out of the clinical setting. What is freeing for patients, therapists, families, and communities and how might psychoanalysis, especially self psychology, contribute to a greater sense of freedom through creating opportunities for transformation?

- Personal freedom: Heinz Kohut viewed inner freedom as central to maintaining needed capacities for active creativity. We will examine this view and explore ways that the experience of inner freedom can be developed and fostered. We will also consider freedom and transformation in the context of personal trauma.

- Analytic freedom: Building on self psychology’s role in liberating psychoanalysis from the shackles of classical thinking, we will explore various forms of clinical freedom and how they may (or may not) lead to growth and transformation. We will take up the challenge of identifying those clinical constraints needed to safeguard the patient, the therapist, and the integrity of the clinical process. We will consider how to promote free expression of ideas in analytic institutions, training programs, and organizations, including our own.

- Political and societal freedom: How might psychoanalysis contribute to human security and to personal and societal transformation around the world? Given the current global concerns, we will continue the evolving dialogue about how our thinking can apply outside the clinical setting. We will focus on understanding and supporting worldwide struggles for freedom, opposing the repression of dissent, facing the climate crisis, and freeing ourselves to the extent we can from the tendency to “other” those who differ from us in appearance, identity or perspective.

Washington DC is an ideal location to center our explorations. As the nation’s capital, it stands as a symbol of freedom, yet it is a city that continually grapples with political, societal, and emotional challenges to its historic ideals. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2020 IAPSP Conference and to our diverse, stimulating, and supportive international learning community.

Join us for what promises to be a clinically relevant, enriching educational experience and to feel at home in our vibrant, supportive international community. Small discussion groups led by seasoned clinicians follow each plenary, offering the opportunity to discuss thoughts, ideas and questions in an intimate and supportive setting. There will also be Workshops and Original Paper Presentations. The IAPSP invites all interested professionals to submit proposals to be considered for inclusion in the Pre-Conference Workshop Sessions at the conference. Only members of IAPSP may present at the conference. Pre-Conference Workshops must be relevant to the theme of the conference. These Workshops are scheduled for 3 hours on Thursday, October 15th. The proposal should be an outline of the workshop and no longer than 5 pages. *** SUBMISSION PROCESS ***

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