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OPENING NIGHT KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

The Concept of 'Tragic Person' in Tragedy and in Philosophy

Thursday, October 24, 2024 7:00 – 8:00pm

Presenter: Paolo Vinci, PhD

Introduction by Amy Joelson, LCSW

Abstract:

The presentation explores the relationship between Tragedy and Philosophy.

The unique experience of attending tragedies in the 5th BC Athens is briefly described and few main characters and topics of the tragedies by Eschilo, Sofocle and Euripide will be mentioned to illustrate the concept of Tragic within the frame of the Attic Greek culture.

Nietsche's thinking and his "The Birth of Tragedy" are at the core of the debate about Tragedy's decline and the beginning of Philosophy with Socrates speculative thinking.

Tragedies put a number of questions about culture and society: what is human culture? Under what circumstances will a human culture flourish, and under what circumstances will it become 'decadent'? Attic tragedy was a public spectacle in which poetry, music, and dance were essential constituents. With Socrates the creation of abstract generalizations and theoretical knowledge put rationalism at the core of human development and emphasizes the attempt to get control of our fate. 'Modern culture' is in direct continuity of such approach.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Explain Attic Tragedy.
2. Describe the conceptualization of "Tragic" by F. Nietsche.
3. Discuss the relationship among Tragedy, Philosophy and Psychology.

Presenter Bio:

Paolo Vinci, PhD. Formerly Professor of Practical Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Rome La Sapienza, is currently a member of the Scientific Committee of the School of Rome of the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies. An expert of Marx, Hegel and Heidegger, he also deals with contemporary philosophy and, in particular, with Adorno and Benjamin's thought. In recent years he has also dedicated himself to the relationship between philosophy and psychoanalysis, developing his own reflection, especially starting from Freud and Lacan. In addition to numerous essays,

he published: *Introduzione alla lettura del Capitale di Marx* (Rome, 2016); *“Coscienza infelice” e “anima bella”*. *Commentario della “Fenomenologia dello spirito” di Hegel* (Guerini e associati, Milan, 2012); *Soggetto e tempo. Heidegger interprete di Kant* (Bagatto Libri, Rome, 2012); *La forma filosofia in Marx. Dalla critica dell’ideologia alla critica dell’economia politica* (Manifestolibri, Rome, 2011); *Essere ed esperienza in Heidegger. Una fenomenologia possibile fra Hegel e Hölderlin*, Stamen (Rome, 2008). Since 2006 he directs the journal *“Pólemos. Materiali di filosofia e critica sociale”*.

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PLENARY I PRESENTATION:

The Condition of Tragic Person in Different Cultures Today

Friday, October 25, 2024 9:30am – 11:30am

- Chair:** Kim de la Harpe, MA
Presenter: Gabriela Mann, PhD
Presenter: Banu Bülbül Çam, MA
Presenter: Sascha Schipflinger, MA
Presenter: Liling Lin, LCSW

Abstract:

This panel will explore the Kohutian concept of the Tragic Man today from the perspective of four different countries. The Tragic Man captures the despair, vulnerability, and uncertainty of the self where factors have prevented one's full potential from being reached. Traditionally in psychoanalysis the focus has been on the micro and immediate world and how this impacts the development and realization of the self. This panel will be looking at broader forces and contexts that impact our patients: the social, economic, political, and existential. We will be hearing how these context specific factors impact groups and individuals. Panelists from four countries, Turkey, Taiwan, Israel, and Austria, will explore this from their unique perspectives, taking this theme, often viewed from an individual perspective, to a broader more global level of experience. On a global level, this theme reflects the turbulent and uncertain time that we are living in, where safety, cohesion, and understanding are threatened. We will hear of experiences where relationships, such as the therapeutic dyad, have mitigated this sense of uncertainty and threat, and found ways towards development, cohesion, and connection.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the Kohutian concept of the Tragic Man and its relevance today;
2. Compare and discuss the Kohutian concept of the Tragic Man from an individualistic perspective and a broader global perspective;
3. Analyse the effects of context, including the social, cultural, political, and geographic, on the individual and group in relation to the concept of the Tragic Man.

Presenter Bios:

Gabriela Mann, Ph.D., clinical psychologist, Training and supervising Psychoanalyst, and past President of the Tel-Aviv Institute for Contemporary Psychoanalysis. Past chair, Post-graduate Program 'Self Psychology and Therapeutic Presence', Sackler School of Medicine, Tel-Aviv University.

Faculty, Human Spirit, Psychoanalytic-Buddhist Training Program.

Member of the Israel Association for Self-Psychology and the Study of Subjectivity and IAPSP.

Author of 'Seeing Beyond Blindness' on the Expansion of the Mind? (2022), published in Resling, Tel Aviv. The book will be published in English by Routledge. Gabriela has published various papers: in *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, she edited an issue "Beyond the Consulting Room - Psychoanalysis Within the Social Sphere in Israel" and other papers in *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context*. She is in private practice in Tel Aviv.

Banu Bülbül, MA graduated in Psychology from Hacettepe University and received her Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Rumeli University. She started working as a psychotherapist with children and adolescents. Now she works only with late adolescents and adults. She conducts group activities for the empowerment of women. She has published many articles in psychology, art (especially cinema) and political journals and online newspapers and has published a novel. She is a member of the IAPSP and the Anatolian Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies Association (APPA) affiliated to the IAPSP. Bülbül is currently in private practice in Turkey.

Sascha Schipflinger, MA born 1964 in Bregenz, Mag. phil., psychotherapist, teaching analyst and supervisor in the Vienna Circle for Psychoanalysis and Self-Psychology (VCPS), head of the VCPS training commission, member of the steering committee and lecturer of the university course "The Method-Specific Postgraduate Programme, Individual Psychology and Self Psychology" at the University of Vienna.

He has been living with his family (one son) and working in private practice in Vienna. Publications, lectures and workshops on theoretical and clinical considerations from the perspective of intersubjectivity (Intersubjective Systems Theory) and self-psychology.

Liling Lin, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker in the States and currently has a private practice in Taipei City, Taiwan. She received her psychoanalytic training and had practiced in New York City for over a decade. In 2015, she moved to Taiwan and continued her practice there until now. Due to realization of the difficulty in language crossing, lately, she and a group of her students started a project of Self Psychology books translation. In the process of translating, they practice empathic immersion and critical thinking. The Kohut Seminars is upon finish and will be published in 2024. Liling Lin is the current President of Taiwan Psychoanalytic Association and Training and Supervising Analyst of Taiwan Psychoanalytic Society (Study Group). She has been an IAPSP member since 2013 and is currently a member of Global Advisory Committee.

Having graduated in 2011, **Kim de la Harpe, MA** is a Clinical Psychologist, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist for individuals and couples, and Supervisor, working in private practice in Cape Town, South Africa for the past decade. Previously, she was Senior Clinical Psychologist at the Child and Family Unit at a State Psychiatric Hospital in Cape Town, as well as lecturer in psychology and psychiatry at both the University of Cape Town and University of Stellenbosch. Kim is Chair of the Cape Town Psychoanalytic Self Psychology Group, and an Executive board member of IAPSP. She is also an International Council Member of IAPSP and a member of the IAPSP Global Advisory Committee and Couples Therapy Interest Group. Having previously published and presented on gender-based violence in South Africa, her current interests lie in exploring how psychoanalytic self psychology and intersubjectivity theory can be applied, deepened, and expanded in developing contexts such as South Africa.

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PLENARY II PRESENTATION:

Chasing the Tipping Point: Complexity Theory in the Clinical Surround

Friday, October 25, 2024 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Chair: William J. Coburn, PhD, PsyD

Presenter: Max Sucharov, MD

Presenter: Koichi Togashi, PhD, LP

Presenter: Valeria Pulcini, MD

Abstract:

This plenary panel explores the essential tenets of complexity theory, or nonlinear dynamic systems theory, in relation to psychoanalytic practice. Its application to the clinical setting involves reimagining the individual person and the origins of the intrapsychic, the intersubjective, the interpersonal, and the sociocultural domains of discourse. The application of complexity theory to the clinical surround includes not only positioning it as a retrospective tool—helping us understand how and why emotional life and meaning emerge—but also grasping its prospective use, and usefulness, aimed at a therapeutic action that is most profoundly revealed through the action of our implicit and explicit attitudes.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, the participants will be able to:

1. Describe three main tenets of complexity theory.
2. Explain several essential characteristics of complex systems.
3. Identify a variety of ways in which complexity theory can be applied to the clinical setting.
4. Demonstrate the powerful clinical influence of implicit attitudes that are derived from a complexity theory sensibility.

Presenter Bios:

Max Sucharov, MD has been a member of the Self Psychology Community for 35 years with numerous presented and published papers. He is an Emeritus member IAPSP Council.

He is a Clinical Associate in the Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

He has a private practice in Vancouver, Canada with special focus on individuals suffering from chronic, severe, and complex trauma.

Koichi Tagashi, Ph.D., L.P., is a certified clinical psychologist and a licensed psychologist in Japan; and a licensed psychoanalyst in the State of New York. He has a private practice in Hiroshima and Kobe, Japan. He is a member of the faculty, and training & supervising analyst at the Training and Research in Intersubjective Self Psychology Foundation (TRISP), a professor at Konan University, Kobe, Japan, a founder and faculty at the Japanese Forum for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (JFPSP), and a mentor of the Taiwan Self Psychology Study Group. He is a member of the Council of the International Association of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP). He is an associate editor of *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context*, an editor of *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, and an editor of *Journal of Japan Psycho-analytic Association*. He has published numerous books and articles in Intersubjectivity, Relational Psychoanalysis and Contemporary Self Psychology in the US, Japan, and Taiwan. He won the Gradiva Award in Best Book Category for his book, "The Psychoanalytic Zero: A Decolonizing Study of Therapeutic Dialogues," in 2020, and received the Publication Prize by the Japan Psycho-analytic Association in 2022.

Valeria Pulcini, MD is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist who works in private practice in Milan. She is a Supervising, Training Analyst and Faculty Member at the Institute of Specialization in Self Psychology and Relational Psychoanalysis (ISIPsÉ) Milan - Italy. The subject she taught is "Psychoanalysis and Neuroscience".

She is a member of the Executive Committee of Institute of Self Psychology and Relational Psychoanalysis (ISIPsÉ) - Italy. She is a member of Council of International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP), Member of IAPSP Educational Committee. Member of IAPSP Editorial Board of *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context Journal*. Member of International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis & Psychotherapy (IARPP).
Neuroscientific research: Her interest is centered on Mirror Neurons, Emotional Procedural Memory and the new way of relating in the New Era of Cyberspace, and Infosphere. Lately her interest is polarized on Neurological and Psychological damage of SARS-CoV2 infection, that is, "Post-Covid-Syndrome" or Long Covid. Master's degree in "Prevention and Treatment of Web addictions in Adolescence".

Author of several scientific, and clinical papers and articles. The latest is published in *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context*, "2020. Covid19 and its Ghosts at our Doorsteps, Transformations, Opportunities, and Limits" (Vol. 16, N. 3, July-September 2021). Medical Scientific Consultant, and the author of books and scientific papers for children and adolescents about "Memory" and the "Mechanisms of Memorization" (Milan, Italy: De Agostini, 2009)

William J. Coburn, Ph.D., Psy.D. is a psychoanalyst, a licensed clinical psychologist, and a licensed marriage and family therapist practicing in West Los Angeles and in Westlake Village, California. He is Founding Editor Emeritus of *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context* (formerly the *International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology*), Associate Editor of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, and an Editorial Board Member of *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*. He is a Faculty Member and Training and Supervising Analyst at the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles. He is a Founding Council Member Emeritus of the International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP), Former Chair of the IAPSP Publications Committee, and an Advisory Board Member of the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy (IARPP). He is also an International Editorial Board Member of *Revista Italiana Telematica Di Psicologia Psicoanalitica Del Se Intersoggettività Psicoanalisi Relazionale*. In addition to having published articles in the areas of intersubjectivity, complex systems, countertransference, and supervision, he co-edited (with Nancy VanDerHeide) *Self and Systems: Explorations in Contemporary Self Psychology* (2009, Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences), and also co-edited (with Roger Frie) *Persons In Context: The Challenge of Individuality in Theory and Practice* (2010, Routledge). His more recent book is titled *Psychoanalytic Complexity: Clinical Attitudes For Therapeutic Change* (2014, Routledge).

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PLENARY III PRESENTATION:

The Challenge of Being Adolescents and Young Adults in a World Pervaded by Digital / Virtual Communication

Saturday, October 26, 2024 9:15am – 11:15pm

Chair: Simona Caprilli, PhD
Presenter: Sara Biondi, PsyD
Presenter: Jackie Gotthold, PhD
Presenter: Alejandro Ávila Espada, PhD
Presenter: Christa Paulinz, MA

Abstract:

This panel will develop the influence of digital and virtual communication in adolescents and young adults in the light of Self Psychology. As clinicians, we struggle to keep up with and understand the influence of technology on our patients of all ages. Digital/Virtual communication have changed the ways adolescents and young adults interact with one another, so it is inevitable that they would manifest themselves inside the therapy room. Particular emphasis is given to the technical changes and to the deep meaning that these evolutions have had in reference to the analytic relationship. In this plenary four presenters will share clinical material and their personal experience.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, the participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the implications of Digital and Virtual Communication in the light of Self Psychology.
2. Identify the influence of Digital and Virtual communication in adolescents and young adults.

Presenter Bios:

Sara Biondi, PsyD is a Psychoanalyst and a Sport Psychologist. She is an ISIPSE (Institute of Self Psychology and Relational Psychoanalysis) member, IAPSP and IARPP member; she is also a member of the IARPP Child, Adolescent and Parent Committee. She is the regional reference of AIPS (Italian Association of Sport Psychology) and a CONI Olympic trainer. She works in private practice in Rome with adolescents and adults and as Sport Psychologist with athletes and coaches; she collaborates with the Italian Volleyball Federation on training projects.

Jackie Gotthold, PhD is on the Executive Committee at the Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity in New York City, in addition to being a supervisor, faculty member and training analyst. Jackie has been a faculty member and supervisor for the Minnesota Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, as well as having taught for various institutes in the US and abroad.

A longtime member of the International Association of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP), Jackie established the Child and Adolescent Initiative at IAPSP and has served on the International Council of IAPSP. Also, a member of the International Association of Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy (IARPP), Jackie continues to serve on the IARPP Child and Adolescent interest group committee. In addition to these affiliations, Jackie served as a board member of the American Psychology Association's Division 39, Section II (Child and Adolescent Psychoanalysis) for 15 years. Jackie continues to present at conferences in the US and abroad.

Jackie recently completed the editing and writing for *Psychoanalytic Inquiry: "The Balancing Act: The Psychotherapeutic Process with Children and Adolescents in Covid Times and Beyond"*. In addition to editing various journals, Jackie published numerous chapters and articles on child, adolescent and adult clinical theory. Jackie practices in New York City, working with children, adolescents and adults.

Alejandro Ávila-Espada, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist & Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist. Full Professor & Chair of Psychotherapy (currently retired) at Madrid Complutense University (1984-1990 / 2004-2020) and University of Salamanca (1990-2004), both in Spain. Founder and Honor President of IARPP-Spain chapter (2005-2023). Member of the Board of Directors de IARPP (2011-2018). Member of IAPSP. Honor President and Training-Faculty Member of the Instituto de Psicoterapia Relacional (Madrid, Spain). Editor of the e-journal *Clínica e Investigación Relacional*, founded 2007. Between his books: "La tradición interpersonal. Perspectiva social y cultural del psicoanálisis" (Ágora Relacional, Madrid, 2013) [The Interpersonal Tradition. A Social and Cultural Perspective of Psychoanalysis]; "Relational Horizons: Mediterranean voices bring passion and reason to relational psychoanalysis" (Astoria, NY: International Psychoanalytic Books, 2018); and "Relacionalidad, nuestra esperanza (Escritos Escogidos)" (Madrid: Ágora Relacional, Col.Pensamiento Relacional nº 27, 2023) [Relationality, our hope. Selected writings]

Christa Paulinz, MA born in 1960 in Austria (as the eldest of three), married to Werner Paulinz, lawyer. Teacher training college, teacher/counselling teacher in compulsory school; numerous projects in the field of "children at risk", parent support, and teacher supervision within the school system.

University Studies of Philosophy. Training as Psychoanalyst at the Training Institute of the Viennese Circle for Psychoanalysis and Self Psychology. Member of the Board of the Viennese Circle for Psychoanalysis and Self Psychology.

Simona Caprilli, PhD is a Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist specialized in Clinical Psychology at University of Florence and in Relational Psychoanalysis and Self Psychology in ISIPSE in Rome. She is ISIPSE associated. She is an IARPP and IAPSP member. She exercises private practice as Psychology and Psychotherapist in Florence, Italy.

From 2000 until 2015 she has worked at Pediatric Hospital of Florence. She participated in many national and international meetings on psychoanalysis and she has publications on international journals on psychoanalysis and pediatric psychology.

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PLENARY IV PRESENTATION:

Anima Mundi. Environment and the Psyche: Their Unity and Close Connection with Change

Sunday, October 27, 2024 11:00am – 1:00pm

- Chair:** Neslihan Ruganci, PhD
Presenter: Susanna Federici, PhD
Presenter: Paola Stramba-Badiale, PhD
Presenter: Penelope Starr-Karlin, PsyD, MFT

Abstract:

Susanna Federici will open with a brief introduction to the idea of 'Anima Mundi' [the soul of the world] as formulated in classical philosophy, the Neo-Platonic Renaissance, and more recently explored in Hillman's Jungian perspective is presented. Comments on the contributions of psychoanalysis to the themes of the relationship with the non-human environment (Searles), the climate crisis (Orange), and the recent formulation - oriented to self-psychology - of the permeability of the self to the more-than-human (Kassouf). The focus of the presentation is to support a phenomenological attitude that overcomes Cartesian dualisms and promotes the dialectic between the assumption of responsibility towards the drama of climate change and a sense of belonging to the 'Anima Mundi.' In the current historical-cultural context, the specific responsibility of mental health professionals is to highlight how people's 'well-being' cannot be based only on economic and materialistic aspects. The 'beyond' we are looking for is to restore a sense of unity with environment and nature (Anima Mundi) and to delve deeper into the meaning of what we are experiencing in order to restore a sense of agency, motivation, and creativity towards a profoundly transformative perspective that holds together complexity and vitality in the clinical encounter.

Paolo Stramba-Badiale will address the issues arising from the climate crisis and discuss the emerging awareness of the human condition and the ethical stance of psychoanalysts. In one year, more than three hundred thousand people lost their lives to diseases caused by excessive air pollution in Europe. This leads us to think of the Freudian theme of transience. It follows that comparing humans to the natural world puts us before a radical change in our understanding of their destinies. Our existences are deeply inscribed within the framework of nature's upheavals. Then, we are called to realize that we are not at the top of the hierarchy of

living beings but one of the possible outcomes of the evolution of life on our planet. All of this can result in feelings of disorientation, vulnerability, and climate anxiety. At the same time, as Freud claims, we can experience wonder and gratitude for the possibility of existing and contemplating nature and imaginative human-made constructions. Life stands on unstable balances, and the awareness of this precariousness can lead us to think ethically and ecologically as psychoanalysts.

Penelope Starr-Karlin will portray the transformation “From “Anima Mundi to Amor Mundi: A Phoenix on my Couch.” It is the hour of Climate Change. What does it mean to self-experience to face an increasingly precarious future rather than one of unlimited progress? And, why do we imagine the end of the world rather than imagine changing our relationship to the living planet? What role does time play as both the ground of our existence and the ticking bomb of broken climate treaties? In contrast to patients that leave the emergency unsymbolized in sessions where it hovers like a liminal ghost, the end of the world is intrusively present for the climate scientist and activist in this case, along with alienation and isolation from a society that looks away. He sought a psychoanalysis for the end of the world, one which asks if and when will we establish a redeeming love for a planet we have negligently set on fire?

Finally, **R. Neslihan Rugancı** will interlock the three-panel presentations by emphasizing: A rich and detailed sense of self depends on belonging to different types of internal “landscapes” within our “familiar configurations” (Sally Weintrobe, 2013). In this way, humans achieve complexity. Complexity is essential to the human self's diversity, versatility, creativity, and health. Unfortunately, our "familiar configurations" that would establish belonging have been torn apart, our "waking screens" (Akhtar, S. & Hooke, M. T. S., 2007) have been destroyed, and we have become immigrants where we are. The change is only possible if a fundamental structural change occurs in the human character, which requires severe economic and social changes. The contribution of psychoanalysis and psychology to this process will result from relational psychoanalysis encompassing the non-human environment and its relationship with the world as a “selfobject.”

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, the participants will be able to:

1. Explain the idea of ‘Anima Mundi’ in philosophy and psychoanalysis.
2. Discuss the psychoanalytic debate about climate change.
3. Discuss a clinical approach that supports the search for meaning in the context of global uncertainty.
4. Recognize at least three implications of climate change for the psychoanalytic process.
5. Summarize changing aspects of counter-transference.
6. Discuss how contemporary psychoanalytic practice is called to consider historical meta-contexts as the changing stage on which subjective and relational worlds ground.

Presenter Bios:

Susanna Federici, PhD is a Founding member, Faculty, Supervising analyst of ISIPSÉ (Institute for Self Psychology and Relational Psychoanalysis – Italy). She is the Past-President of IARPP (International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy) and a Past Member of the International Council of IAPSP (International Association Psychoanalytic Self Psychology).

She has presented her works at the IARPP conferences and Symposium; at the IAPSP conferences; at MIP Institute in Boston; at ICP in Toronto; at the Tel Aviv Institute for Contemporary Psychoanalysis; at ABEPPS Associação Brasileira para o Estudo da Psicologia Psicanalítica do Self – Sociedade Psicanalítica de Rio de Janeiro; at the 6° Reunion Anual de IARPP Espana (Valencia 2015). She was co-chair of the IARPP 13th Annual Conference “The Arts of Time: Relational Psychoanalysis and Forms of Vitality in Clinical Process” held in Rome June 9-12, 2016. She was Chair (2021) of the 2nd Symposium online IARPP “The Enemy within and without. Exclusion and belonging in intrapsychic, interpersonal, and socio-cultural experience”. She has published in

Psychoanalytic Dialogues, Psychoanalytic Inquiry and other international journals.

Paolo Stramba-Badiale, PhD Graduated in Philosophy and Specialized in Clinical Psychology at the University of Milan, Italy. PhD in Experimental Psychology. Psychoanalyst. Faculty and Training Analyst of ISIPSE' (Institute of Specialization in Self Psychology and Relational Psychoanalysis), Rome and Milan, Italy. Coordinator of ISIPSE' Institute in Milan. Member Emeritus of the International Council of IAPSP. Member of IARPP. Presenter of many papers in the International Conferences of IAPSP and IARPP. More than fifty papers published, in Italian and International Reviews. Private practice in psychoanalysis in Milan, Italy.

Penelope Starr-Karlin, PsyD.: She is a contemporary relational psychoanalyst and a supervising and training analyst at The Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis, Los Angeles (ICP/LA), where she teaches intersubjective-systems theory. She has been mentored by Robert Stolorow and George Atwood, and she has a background in architecture, analytical psychology, continental philosophy, and climate psychology. A member of the Climate Psychology Alliance North America and the United Kingdom, she facilitates a 'climate and world news linking conversations' group for members, climate cafes, and a climate writers' group. She has presented at IAPSP, P&O (Psychology and the Other), APA Division 32, and IFPE (International Federation of Psychoanalytic Educators) conferences and published in *Psychoanalysis, Self and Context*, *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, and *International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology*, has a chapter on intersubjective-systems theory in *The Sage Encyclopedia of Theory in Counseling and Psychotherapy*, and in press, a chapter in a monograph on *Climate Psychology* by Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute. Penelope is in private practice in West Los Angeles, California, USA.

R. Neslihan Ruganci, PhD.: She took her Clinical Psychology PhD. degree from the Psychology Department of the Middle East Technical University (METU) in Turkey and certified from the Distant Education Program of Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. She participated in and contributed to the International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP) conferences as a presenter, a discussant, and a member of an overseas organizing committee (Israel, 2014; Italy, 2024). She had publications in *IJPSP (PSC)* and several other international and national psychology journals. She is an international consulting editor of *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*. She is affiliated with IAPSP and a founding member of and affiliated with Ankara Contemporary Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies Association, Anatolian Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies Association: A learning place of Self Psychology (APPA, Affiliated with IAPSP as an Institute). Ruganci is currently in private practice in Turkey and Teaching at APPA and is one of the advisors of Amy Joelson (current IAPSP President) on the Executive Board.

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POST PLENARY I DISCUSSION GROUPS

Friday, October 25, 2024 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Abstract:

The small group setting of the post-plenary discussion groups offers participants the opportunity to discuss reactions to the panels in a smaller, more intimate setting. Led by a senior clinician, conference participants will be able to ask questions to further their understanding of the content presented in the plenary programs.

Learning objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the effects of context, including the social, cultural, political, and geographic, on the individual and group in relation to the concept of the Tragic Man.

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POST PLENARY III DISCUSSION GROUPS

Saturday, October 26, 2024 11:45am – 12:45pm

Abstract:

The small group setting of the post-plenary discussion groups offers participants the opportunity to discuss reactions to the panels in a smaller, more intimate setting. Led by a senior clinician, conference participants will be able to ask questions to further their understanding of the content presented in the plenary programs.

Learning objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the impact how Digital and Virtual Communication is affecting adolescents and young adults today.

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KOHUT MEMORIAL LUNCHEON:

The Shadows of our Smiles:

Kohut's Tragic Man and its Legacy to the Contemporary World

Saturday, October 26, 2024 1:00 – 2:15pm

Presenter: Gianni Nebbiosi, PhD

Introduction by: Elizabeth Carr, APRN

Abstract:

I will take the idea of Tragic and what it meant when it was created (a few words about the 5th BC when all the tragedies were written). The basic issue of that moment is that the tragic man does not give answers, but puts – to himself and to everybody - questions. This figure is naturally connected to Kohut thinking as he himself recognized. In all tragedies the basic question is: “what will I do” [ti draso]. Kohut found this very fitting with the major difficulties in life that contemporary human being has to face. Kohut also compared the Tragic man to the Guilty man as conceived by Freud in which the major problem to bear is the guilt of your oedipal phantasies. The tragic situation instead is trying to know what the meaning of your life is.

Tragedy was created to make you aware of the difficulties of life, and was part of Paideia, a Greek word meaning education. Along this concept I will explore: a polarized, versus a dialogic, way of thinking; the tragic situation of our contemporary climate issues; the dangers we face against democracy, equality and diversity.

I will give some brief examples of this issues in my clinical practice.

As a final reference I will talk about a tragic trilogy Oresteia as an extraordinary example of how to face polarized thinking transforming it in a creative and dialogic way of existence.

Learning objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the psychological meaning of Tragic in the ancient and contemporary worlds.
2. Describe Kohut's conceptualization of the “Tragic Man”.

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