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STUDENTS, CANDIDATES & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS: CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

Now accepting proposals through to March 1, 2025

The 2025 conference planning committee is delighted to announce IAPSP's 2025 global conference, **Mind-ing Our Gaps: Cultivating Vulnerability and Presence in the Face of Otherness** to be held in Pasadena, California from Thursday October 16th through Sunday October 19th, 2025.

In an era of socio-political divides, where rage and fragmentation have decentered curiosity, empathy and dialogue, we face unprecedented challenges in understanding each other. The 2025 IAPSP Conference, "Mind-ing Our Gaps: Cultivating Vulnerability and Presence in the Face of Otherness," invites you to lean into the tensions and uncertainties that characterize our contemporary moment.

We seek bold contributions that can deepen our understanding in an increasingly polarized world. We welcome submissions that explore clinical work transcending ideological divides, fresh theoretical perspectives on "us versus them" dynamics, and innovative approaches to engaging with patients whose worldviews challenge our own. Of particular interest are papers applying our theories to urgent contemporary issues: geopolitical conflicts, treatment of marginalized groups, and the environmental crisis.

Students, Candidates & Early Career Professionals: Call for Papers Announcement

We would like to, once again, invite submissions of proposals for our students and candidates paper session, particularly those that reflect the conference theme. To be considered for this panel, submissions must be from **a current psychoanalytic candidate, a trainee in a post-graduate training program, a graduate student or a professional in their first 3 years of professional practice**. Each applicant must submit a 1 to 2-page, double-spaced summary proposal of the topic they will be writing about by March 1st, 2025.

You must clearly indicate in your submission that this is for the Students & Candidates Panel. All paper proposals should be submitted to Kathy Wetmore at admin@iapsp.org and final selections will be made by the Students and Candidates Committee, while the discussant will be chosen by the Conference Committee. Quality of writing, originality, integration of theory and awareness of current literature, clinical implications, and contribution to the field will all be considered in the decision-making process.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCESS:

The deadline for submitting your proposal is **March 1st, 2024**. No names should appear on your proposal. Please send your submission as an email attachment **ONLY** to: admin@iapsp.org, along with the following:

1. A completed [Call for Papers Cover Sheet](#). Please complete a separate cover sheet for each author.
2. A one paragraph abstract
3. Three learning objectives for your presentation (“At the conclusion of my presentation, the participant will be able to: (verbs to use: list, describe, recite, write, compute, discuss, explain, predict, apply, demonstrate, prepare, use, analyze, design, select, utilize, compile, create, plan, revise, assess, compare, rate, critique). The abstract and three learning objectives should be on the same page.
4. A Curriculum Vitae
5. One-paragraph professional bio.
6. At least three current (within the last 10 years) and relevant references, in APA citation format. Please note that books are not accepted references; all references must be from journals.

Authors of accepted papers are expected to present their papers in person at the conference.

Authors of accepted papers wishing to use their paper for submission to a trade periodical or journal in the future, first consideration must be given to IAPSP’s peer-reviewed journal: *Psychoanalysis, Self & Context* (PSC), published by Taylor & Francis.

We look forward to receiving your proposals!