



THINKING ON THE BORDER

*International Psychoanalytic Conference
Belgrade, 2-4 June 2017*

The Psychoanalytical Society of Serbia, together with twelve psychoanalytic societies from nine countries of the region, is organizing the Conference to take place in Belgrade from 2 - 4 June 2017

THINKING ON THE BORDER

which is an opportunity for us to meet and think together about this theme, both contemporary and ever-important.

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The Conference Venue:

88 Rooms Hotel
Takovska 49
11000 Belgrade
SERBIA



Thinking on the Border

The topic of borders has multifaceted references in the field of psychoanalysis; it diverges and spreads into many territories and brings out their peculiarities. We can situate it in the realm of development, the first constitution of who we are, the land of me and the other, radical aloneness and infinite interrelatedness. It can be traced further to relations with all differences – seeing these as strange, alien, uncanny or as intriguing and rewarding.

Our hero, Oedipus, at the end of his life's path, meets another hero – Theseus. Oedipus is aged, blind, outcast, homeless and polluted, and in this encounter he gains recognition, acceptance and a final resting place. Being a foreigner himself, Theseus accepts that which is foreign – in Sophocle's drama, this is the way to preserve the city – "That way you shall forever hold this city" (Oedipus at Colonus, 1533).

We are now in position to re-think the borders between body and mind, past and present, knowing and not-knowing, consciousness and unconscious-ness, inside and outside, as well as the concept of drives that relate to and define the boundary, or the frontier, between the mental and the somatic. Freud told us about the necessity of translating psychic material at the boundary of successive epochs of life, about our psychic mechanism that has come into being by a process of stratification. We may ask further about the borders of those strata of our mental life, about the process of differentiation and unification, about the transformation of borders into passages and the finding of gates, about movement and permeability. It might also be possible to follow the topographical point of view, the evolution of Freud's thought about the flexibility of borders, the necessity of internal borders and differentiations; or take into account clinical disorders / borderline pathology; transitional space and phenomena, notes about an autistic-contiguous position and the skin as a boundary. Our history and our discipline, at the border with many others, enable us to consider various concepts and their relational lines.

Living on the boundary of epochs we are witnesses of a continuous refugee crisis – the movement from chaos, though extreme danger, into limbo as the border in every sense. Migration, language migration, the rise of ethnic hatred, totalitarianism, virtual versus actual, digital addictions, changes in the process of thinking itself – all are characteristic of contemporary times. Is this a polarized world, with divided parties, national borders, distances and gaps between cultures, languages, professions, classes, religions, but with a blurred border between terrorism and freedom of speech, the press and information, or a one-world society, globalized and homogenized?

In Medieval times the madman had the privilege of being confined within the city gates, as we heard: in the interior of the exterior and inversely, at the point of passage, the threshold itself, enclosed and excluded.

As analysts, we live simultaneously on many borders, both inside our therapy rooms and outside of them, often in no-man's-land, thinking both sides together.

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Candidates' pre-conference day

- 15:00 - 16:30 Round table discussion about psychoanalytic education
 16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break
 17:00 - 18:30 Peer supervision
 19:00 **Welcome reception for all participants**

Friday, June 2, 2017

- 8:30 - 10:30 **First plenary on the main theme**
Opening of the conference
 Jasminka Šuljagić, PSS President, chair of the Programme Committee
To Think the Boundaries between Psychoanalysis and Other Disciplines and between Psychoanalysis and Reality
 Jorge Canestri (EPF President)
 Gianina Micu (Romanian Society of Psychoanalysis) as discussant
 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
 11:00 - 12:30 **Post plenary discussion groups**
 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break
 14:00 - 16:00 **Panel, several participants**
 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break
 16:30 - 18:00 **Individual paper presentations**
 18:00 - 20:30 **Film presentation**

Saturday, June 3, 2017

- 9:00 - 10:30 **Second plenary on the main theme**
A good object, a bad object: on the border of the two worlds
 Alexander Uskov (Moscow Psychoanalytic Society)
 Giovanna Ambrosio (Italian Psychoanalytical Association) as discussant
 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
 11:00 - 12:30 **Post plenary discussion groups**
 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break
 14:00 - 16:00 **Panel, several participants**
 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break
 16:30 - 18:00 **Individual paper presentations**

Sunday, June 4, 2017

- 9:00 - 10:30 **Third plenary on the main theme**
THINKING on the BORDER. Memory and Trauma in Society
 Jonathan Sklar (British Psychoanalytical Society)
 Christine Diercks (Vienna Psychoanalytic Society) as discussant
 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
 11:00 - 12:30 **Post plenary discussion groups**
 12:30 - 13:00 **Closing the Conference**
 13:00 Farewell cocktail

Call for papers

Please, send your proposal for an individual paper, panel presentation, or small discussion group to the address office@pss.org.rs by February 1th.

The proposal should include an abstract of up to 500 words.

The deadline for sending full papers is April 10th.

Registration information

<u>Registration fees</u>	before 15.4.2017	from 15.4.2017
Member of the participating / other society	170€	220€
Candidate of the participating / other society	70€	105€

What is included in the registration fee?

- Participation in the scientific meetings
- Conference material
- eConference proceedings
- Welcome reception on June 1st
- Farewell cocktail on June 4th
- Lunch on Friday, June 2nd and Saturday June 3th
- Refreshments during the coffee breaks

Online registration:

<https://www.miross.rs/en/dogadjaji/pss-2017/participants-registration-form>

The Committees for the Conference

The Programme Committee:

Atanassov Nikola (Bulgarian Psychoanalytic Society, Study Group); Stanislav Matačić (Croatian Psychoanalytic Society); Athanassios Alexandridis (Hellenic Psychoanalytic Society); Zsuzsa Lőrincz (Hungarian Psychoanalytic Society); Zehra Ünsal (Istanbul Psychoanalytical Association); Gulgun Alptekin (Istanbul Psychoanalytic Association of Training, Research and Development); Jacqueline Amati Mehler (Italian Psychoanalytical Association); Tiziana Bastianini (Italian Psychoanalytic Society); Gianina Micu (Romanian Society of Psychoanalysis); Jasminka Šuljagić (Psychoanalytical Society of Serbia); Fritz Lackinger (Vienna Psychoanalytical Association); Christine Diercks (Vienna Psychoanalytic Society)

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Social events

Saturday, 03rd June 2017 - For members: dinner at the restaurant characteristic for the welcoming city of Belgrade - EUR 35,00

Saturday, 03rd June 2017 - For candidates: an evening out including finger food and a complementary drink - EUR 15,00

Details for other events soon

Information can be found at <http://pss.org.rs/>. Details can also be obtained at the websites of participant societies, and from the representative of your local society.

Follow us also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pss.org.rs/>

For all information please contact us by e-mail: office@pss.org.rs

Travel and accommodation arrangement

Accommodation: The Conference hotel is The 88 Rooms Hotel - <http://www.88rooms.com/>, also with rooms available. The 88 Rooms Hotel features a friendly staff, round city view from the conference hall and from a rooftop restaurant, as well as a favourable location, near the city centre and with easy access to Belgrade sights.

The rate for single room is **66,50€**, per night, incl. breakfast and for the double room per night for one person **36,50€**. incl. breakfast.

Airport transfer: Our representative/driver will be waiting at the Arrival Terminal of Belgrade Airport holding a signboard with your name on it. Guests will be escorted to the private vehicle and transferred directly to the hotel. Transfer rate is **15,00€** per person per direction.

Online booking: <https://www.miross.rs/en/dogadjaji/pss-2017/accommodation-and-travel-arrangement>

Contact: For registrations, hotels, transfer, please contact MIROSS Ltd, Mr. Ivan Stevanovski, e-mail: pss@miross.rs, tel: +381 11 3033225, +381 63 361767

Further accommodation recommendations

Hostel & Apartments 360°, Knez Mihailova 21 -- <https://www.facebook.com/hostel360/>

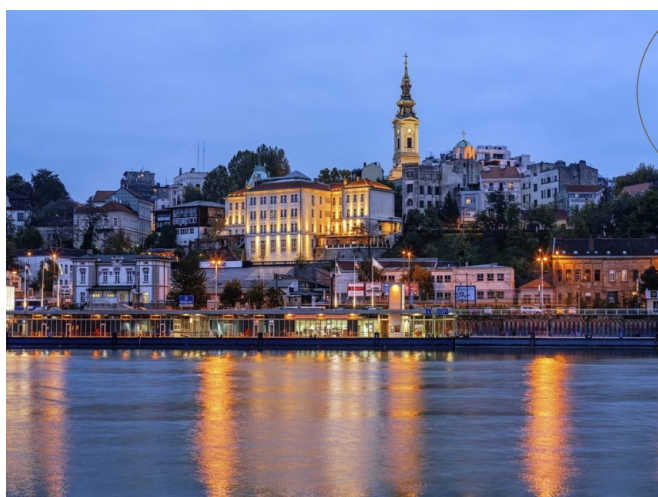
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There will be several places free of charge for the candidates, in PSS members' and candidates' offices.

Further information will be in February 2017



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