Learning Community & School of Integrative Group Analysis
„Koinonia-Art“

10th International Belgrade Conference on Reflective Citizens & Invigorating Bridges Among Psychoanalytic Fields

Group Analysis & Group Relations & Therapeutic Community & Pichon Riviere's Groups & Complexity Theory & Social Dreaming

1st to 5th October 2025
in person and online
convened by
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& steering team Alice Mulasso & Dragana Dragojević Gajic



with Earl Hopper, Bob Hinshelwood, David Armstrong, Angela Eden, James Krantz, Michael Rustin, Juan Tubert-Oklander, Reyna Hernández-Tubert, Franca Fubini, Konstantinos Liolios, Domenico Agresta, Susan Long, Thor Kristian Island, Robi Friedman, Haim Weinberg, Gila Ofer, Ilaria Locati, Nadia Benedetto, Marco Chiantore, Anna Zajenkowska, Roberta Mineo, Alfonso D'Auria, Francesca Giuseppina Bascialla, Irene O'Byrne- Maguire, Kavita Avula, George Bermudez, Zoe Voyatzaki, Eenasul Fateh, Caner Bingol, Stavros Charalambides, Adrian Parsadh, Effie Lignos, Yahya Mayet, Zaven Đorđević,Milica Spasić, Aleksandra Jevtić, Yurij Tor, Danica Banašević, Stefan Marković, Marija Kamatović, Branka Bakić, Zoran Mladenović, Danilo Pešić...

About the Conference



We are pleased to **celebrate thirty years since the initiation of the Reflective Citizens Koinonia Method (RC)** within its 10th International Belgrade RC Conference. Most people active or interested in RC are aware that it emerged in very difficult social-historical and war times in Serbia throughout the Nineties. It was an effort to make psycho-analytically informed work with citizens possible out of the consulting rooms – thus, a wish to extend to the wider society something that helped our traumatized patients and us, as clinicians and people.

At the same time, paradoxically, as if RC was a 'lucky child' in psychoanalytic family due to being born and cradled within good relationality among a few psychoanalytic fields, parenting it[i]. There wasn't awareness of this at the time - encountering some animosities between the fields occurred only later. As the *Landscapes of war times and landscapes of peace times* (Penna, 2024) were shaping and reshaping Lewin's social field theory, which *„stems from therapeutic communities, psychoanalytic, group-analytic, and group relations theories that span from WWs to contemporary approaches* (Penna, 2024, Penna and Hopper, 2024), so were similar spirals influencing also the destiny of the RC creation. The International RC Conferences brought more clarity related to these complex processes. We are now continuing *invigorating the bridges* "

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During those war times, very meaningful were the therapeutic communities' experiences embracing trauma wounds and a range of differences. Importance of *people sitting & talking,* as Patrick de Maré emphasized, was just how we began, trusting *oases with talking-circles* at the margins of the Belgrade Peace Protests; we continued hosting groups with interested people in various venues, inside and outside. TC and group analysis were RC's founding culture, then in a shared creativity we were further carefully *exploring and attuning relationality among psychoanalytic fields,* which we were trained in (thus initially therapeutic community,

psychoanalytic psychotherapy, group analysis; then group relations, listening posts and systems-psychodynamic organizational consultancy; later also Pichon Riviere's operative groups and social dreaming). The creation of the method and its refinement needed many years. Once the method was made, just the opposite was true for RC transmission– easy to learn (substantial aspects of RC). Easy training, but necessary - Free of charge, as all in RC!

Since 2013 Belgrade International Conferences and workshops have been a very important space for the refinement of the RC Method. They were like harbors in which RC- vehicles could retreat for emotional food and shared reflections. Meeting professionals who know less about the RC practice, but were engaged in their interest, made conference matrices of high creativity. Devoted collegial open-mindedness would embrace various local and wider struggles, from rather simple issues to high levels of understanding psycho-social complexity. Relationality among the fields always engaged us deeply - jointly weaving a tapestry of tripartite matrices in and between the events. (A small journey through the history of conferences - below in the appendix)

Aims of the Conference

1. Meeting (in person and online) and exchanging among colleagues interested in the RC field, those who are deeply involved for many years with those who are younger in it, and who don't know much.
2. Understanding the significance of RC as a successful method of bridging a few psychoanalytic fields, and invigorating the bridging further.
3. Invigorating bridging in the wider psychosocial and other fields.
4. Opening up new themes connected.
5. Last day holding together the 10th International RC Workshop.
6. Celebrating the 3 decades since initiation.



About the Conference Program



1. The whole program lasts 5 days and a bit *in the rhythms of RC.*
2. Wednesday, the **1st October** is an ***entry day*** (only in person) - planned for initial meetings, walking & talking & memories & dreaming of the RC's past and future, including RC's book project…going around Belgrade river banks and its Ada lake, the Košutnjak forest near the school venue, possible cycling, sailing, cooking together and visiting places. ***Exit day-afternoon*** it Sunday, 5th October, 5th afternoon (only in person) for final thinking together and planning future events.
3. **Four major days from the 2nd to the 5th of October: ALL the sessions are planned together – hybrid** (participants in person and online, new experience, thus, no sessions are planned to separate participants - neither social dreaming nor large groups).

4. **Parts of the program:**
   - Major conference **program starts 2nd October 9 am CET**
   - with **1st Social Dreaming Matrix (hosted by David Armstrong, Franca Fubini, and Domenico Agresta, back up host Susan Long).**
   - Followed then by the **Opening of the conference (by Marina Mojović, Carla Penna, Alice Mulasso & Dragana Dragojević Gajić)** which will take part within the
   - **1st Community Meeting / Koinonia (adapted concept from & in style of TC-meetings)**
   - **program ends 5th October at 2pm CET with the last, 6th Community Meeting/ Koinonia (all hosted by Marina, Alice and Dragan**

During the four days

- there will be a **morning Social Dreaming Matrices - SDM** throughout all the 4 days (**hosted by Franca Fubini, and Domenico Agresta in person, together with David Armstrong online / backed up by Susan Long)**. On the last day, SDM will be included in the separate event, the 10th International RC Workshop.

Theoretical sessions

- apart of **brief Introductory Lectures** by **Carla and Marina,**
- we have **five keynotes**: **Bob Hinshelwood, Earl Hopper, Juan Tubert Oklander & Reyna Hernandez Oklander, and one Keynote shaped as a Dialogue Group with Michael Rustin, Robi Friedman, David Armstrong, Franca Fubini, Dragana Dragojević Gajić, Alice Mulasso convened by James Krantz** (all followed with **discussion time** either together or in small leaderless groups).
- A number of **presentations** both of senior and younger colleagues related to significance and complexity of bridging among fields. (Some will be 20 to 30min, some smaller inputs of 5 to 10 to 15min)
- **Leaderless reflection groups** will find a place throughout the program (as long as possible to find place, some median or small size, or even in trios). They are not small group-analytic groups, but of the RC type having task as the convenor and serving with the themes & contents to the conference as a whole
- At the end of the three days **large group-analytic groups** will be conducted by the senior group analysts **Carla Penna, Kostantinos Liolios in person together with Haim Weinberg online**.
- **Jubilar 10th IRC International RC Workshop** will take place on the Sunday morning after an open **group sharing about IRC experience by few IRC hosts**.
- Free time each day: there will be a **large lunch break, and middle, small and mini breaks.**





Venue for the conference

As for all previous International Belgrade RC Conferences, for the 10th the venue o is of the “Koinonia-Art” Learning Community & School for Integrative Group Analysis in

Belgrade, Petra Lekovića 115

near the Ada Lake, Košutnjak Woods & Sports Center.





Please register in time with early bird, if possible. More data at the end.

Accommodation can be found nearby, in Belgrade center or participants by their wish can be hosted by colleagues, trainees or Serbian RC hosts (by agreement).

Conference Major Program

Thursday, the 2nd of October

8.00-8.55 Registration **55min**

9.00-9.40 Social Dreaming Matrix I (hosted by David Armstrong, Franca Fubini & Domenico Agresta) **40min**

9.40-10.10 1st Community Meeting/Koinonia & Opening of the Conference - Marina & Carla with Alice & Dragana **30 min**

10.10-10.40 Introductory lectures Carla & Marina **30min**

10.40-11.00 small break **20min**

11.00-11.15 Group from School of Integrative Group Analysis Koinonia-Art

"*Transitional Period of the Learning Community Koinonia-Art*" **15min**

11.15-11.35 Danilo Pešić "*Bridging across Psychoanalytic Fields in Therapeutic Community in the Psychiatric Institution*" **20min**

11.35-12.00 James Krantz „*Group Relations in the 21st Century*" **25min**

12.00 –12.20 Discussion **20min**

12.20 – 12.45 middle break **25min**

12.45-13.25 Keynote 1. Bob Hinshelwood "*How Complicated the Psycho-social is*" interviewed by Marina Mojović **40min**

13.25-14.05 Discussion **40min**

14.05-14.45 large lunch break **40min**

14.45-15.10 Domenico Agresta "*Anthropological Vertex in RCs Bridging Psychoanalytic and Group Analytic Fields*" **25min**

15.10-15.35 Konstantinos Liolios "*Koinonia's Dynamics Exploration in RC: From the Archetypical, through the Foundational, to the Current*" **25min**

15.35-15.45 mini break for going to groups **10min**

15.45-16.30 reflection groups **45 min**

16.30 -17.00 middle break **30min**

17.00-18.30 Large group I (Carla, Konstantinos & Haim) **90min**

End of the day 18.30

Friday, the 3rd of October

8.30-8.55 Registration for the day **25min**

9.00-10.00 Social Dreaming Matrix II & Dialogue (hosted by Armstrong, Agresta &Fubini) **60min**

10.00-10.20 small break **20min**

10.20-11.45 *RC & Sibling Projects across Countries*" convened by Alice Mulasso & Dragana Dragojević Gajić: Marco Chiantore, Ilaria Locati "*RC Italy*", Alfonso D'Auria "*Dream or Reality - Project Creating Community Enterprise from Group-Analytic Perspective*", Kavita Avula, George Bermudez "*RC in USA*", Francesca Giuseppina Bascialla, Zoe Voyatzaki, "*RC in Greece*", Irene O'Byrne Maguire "*All Ireland RC*", Caner Bingol "*Ideas for RC Turkey*", Stefan Marković, Danica Banašević, Zaven Đorđević, Branka Bakić, Aleksandra Jevtić, Milica Spasić, Marija Kamatović "*RC Journeys throughout Serbia & the Region*" 85min

11.45-12.10 middle break **25min**

12.10-13.40 Keynote 2. Dialogue Group "*Bridging among Psychoanalytic Fields in Psycho-social and RC*" convened by James Krantz with: Michael Rustin, David Armstrong, Robi Friedman, Franca Fubini, Dragana Dragojević Gajić, Alice Mulasso 90min

13.40-14.20 lunch break **40min**

14.20-15.35 Thor Kristian Island convenor: "*Bridging Psychoanalytic Fields in EFPP*" Gila Ofer, "*Bridging Fields in new EFPP book: Exploring Perspectives in Group Psychotherapy in Europe: Assessing Current Status and Shaping Future Directions*" Anna Zajenkowska & Hanne-Sofie Johnsen Dahl, "*Bridging Fields at the Foundation of EFPP"* Effie Lignos; *"Skills of Bridging Sibling Fields in IAGP" Roberta Mineo, "Bridging Fields in Academy for Integral Psychodynamic Psychotherapy"* Jurij Tor with discussion 30min in trios & or together 75min

15.35-16.00 small break **25min**

16.00–16.40 Keynote 3. Juan Tubert Oklander and Reyna De Tubert in dialogue with Carla Penna 40min

16.40-17.20 Discussion **40min**

17.20-17.30 mini break **10min**

17.30 -18.45 Large Group II (Carla, Konstantinos and Haim) **75min**

18.45-19.05 break **20min**

19.05.-19.30 Community Meeting/Koinonia II **25min**

End of the day 19.30

Saturday, the 4th of October

8.30-8.55 Registration for the day **25min**

9.00-10.00 Social Dreaming III & Dialogue (hosted by Agresta, Fubini & Armstrong) **60min**

10.00-10.20 small break **20min**

10.20-11.00 Keynote 4 Earl Hopper " C*abbages and kings, siblings and silos*" 40min

11.00-11.40 Discussion **40min**

11.40-12.05 middle break **25 min**

12.05-13.30 Silos and Social-psychic Retreats in Groups and Societies - Understanding and Transformation **85min**

12.05-12.25 Zoran Mladenović "*Conception Trauma and Group-Psychic Retreats in a Small GA Group*" 20min

12.25-12.40 Irina Tomić "*Art and Dreams as Social-Psychic Retreats in Concentration Camps in WWII and in Trauma Sequels"* 15min

12.40-13.00 Branka Bakić "*Applying GA, GR and PA Fields in Understanding Scapegoat Phenomena Illustrated in the Case of Novak Djoković Deportation from Australia 2022"* 20min

13.00-13.30 Discussion **30min**

13.30-14.15 lunch break **45min**

14.15-15.50 Shaping & Reshaping Relationality among Fields - Roots & Group Turn 14.15-14.40 Luiz Lana & Carla Penna: *Study Group on Kurt Lewin – Roots of Field Theories* 25min

14.40 – 15.05 Stavros Charalambides "*Relationality as Institutional Ethic: Bridging Psychoanalysis, Group Psychotherapy, Therapeutic Communities, and Complexity Theory through the Group Turn*

25min

15.05-15.50 Discussion **45min**

15.50-16.20 middle break **30min**

16.20-17.50 Large Group III (Konstantinos, Carla & Haim) **90min**

17.50-18.10 small break **20min**

18.10-18.40 Community /Koinonia meeting III **30min**

End of the Day 18.40

Sunday, the 5th of October

9.00-9.30 Koinonia/Community meeting V **30min**

9.30-10.10 IRC Hosts Group Talk **40min**

10.10-10.30 middle break and welcoming citizens for the IRC 20min

10.30 10th International Reflective Citizens Workshop - IRC 10

10.30–10.35 IRC Introduction **5min**

10.35-11.10 Social Dreaming Matrix **35 min**

11.10-11.45 Large RC Group 1 **35min**

11.45- 12.05 small break **20 min**

12.05-12.35 Small leaderless RC groups **30 min**

12.35-12.40 going to LG group **5min**

12.40-13.20 Large RC group 2 **40 min**

13.20-13.40 Review and Closing **20min**

END of IRC 13.35

13.40-14.00 small break with Goodbyes to IR Citizens **20min**

14.00 –14.45 Review and Closing in Koinonia/Community Meeting VI **45min**

14.45 -15.30 Lunch break **45min**



End of Major Conference

Registration and fees

We are inviting all interested for the Conference to **register timely**, for **early bird** price and our easier organizations. Here is link for registration, easy (you need just one click and to fill in).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6kQURT--uSyWlbmBRMjQCSD_TmJmXeX7pEdlZ1LPpBeO9iw/viewform?usp=preview

As in the program, Sunday, 5th October 2025 will be the
10th International Reflective Citizens Workshop - IRC 10,
This time it is hybrid, a new experience, too .
RC Workshop is free of charge as always

Fees for the Conference

	Before 18th September		After 18th September	
	online (2.10.-5.10.)	**Inperson** (1.10.-5.10.)	**online** (2.10.-5.10.)	**Inperson** (1.10.-5.10.)
Trainees, students and RC hosts	30 Euro	150 Euro	40 Euro	180 Euro
Others	60 Euro	250 Euro	75 Eeuro	300 Euro

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[i] By its destiny, the situation occurred of very good cooperation among fields: since 1985 throughout 25 years the Study Group Klein/Bion/Neoklein later NGO *London-Link* for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Organizational Consultancy (Marina member and director), at same time as group analytic small and large groups embedded in the highly developed therapeutic community, soon regular convening of the Listening Posts project for Serbia, etc.

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