

**Second Announcement - Call for Abstracts**  
4<sup>th</sup> EFPP Group Section Conference



**BRIDGING IDENTITIES**

28 - 31 / 5 / 2009 / Prague / Czech republic

**"Bridging Identities.  
Clinical Impact of Groups"**

Prague / Czech Republic  
28-31 May 2009.

Under the auspices of the Mayor of Prague, Pavel Bém, M.D.

This conference is organised by the Czech Society for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (ČSPAP) and The European Federation for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the Public Sector (EFPP).

This Conference will be of interest to those who wish to take a fresh look at group work inspired by psychoanalytic and group-analytic understanding of group processes. As one of the foremost Central European capitals, Prague provides a unique experience for integrating group experiences from both former East and West Europe, from groups run within health care systems as well as in private practice. The clinical impact of social and cultural events on groups and vice versa will also be explored. The Conference will be linked with art exhibitions, multi-media presentations and other cultural events reflecting the mutual impact of psychological and cultural processes.

The Conference programme will consist of either individual or two keynote speakers' session followed by discussion groups, workshops and small and large group meetings with the aim of discovering how identities are represented in groups. The Conference will also offer the opportunity to consolidate and expand professional networks and to develop a common ground for future work across national and cultural boundaries. The rich and many layered cultural history of the Czech Republic makes Prague the ideal setting for bringing together the idioms of psychoanalysis, group analysis, and art. An integral part of the conference, reflecting the mutual influence between the current trends in depth psychology and culture, will be an exhibition of visual art, multimedial presentations and other events relating to the subject of bridging identities.

## Scientific Programme

### Invited Main Speakers

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▪ *Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

**Earl Hopper** (UK)

'Building Bridges from Despair to Mature Hope: the Clarification, Interpretation and Working through of Transference and Counter transference Processes in Group Analysis'

▪ *Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

**René Kaës** (France) 'Unconscious Alliances' and **Earl Hopper** (discussant, UK)

▪ *Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

**Rudolf Balmer** (Switzerland)

'The Stranger in You – The Stranger in Me. The Group Analytic Approach to Social Phobia'

**Ulrich Schultz-Venrath** (Germany)

'What Is Being Changed by the Mentalization-Based Psychotherapy in Analytic Group Psychotherapy'

▪ *Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009*

**Morris Nitsun** (UK) and **Gila Ofer** (Israel)  
'The Group as an Object of Desire'

### Panel Discussions

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'Special Groups, Training and Totalitarian Phenomena in Group Psychotherapy'

**Thor Kristian Island** (Norway)

**Helena Klímová** (Czech Republic)

**Olga Marlinová** (Czech Republic)

**Isaura Manso Neto** (Portugal)

### Topics for presentations and workshops

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- Art and group process
  - Dreams and reality in a group
  - Male and female identity
  - Family as a group, group as a family

- Processes in groups: destructive, defensive and anti-group
- Group in different settings and non-clinical application of groups
- Training in group psychotherapy
- Research in group analysis and psychotherapy
- Nationality, culture, politics in groups in Europe

You will find updated Conference programme on the site: [www.efpp2009.cz](http://www.efpp2009.cz)

## Organising Committee

**Co-ordinator:** David Holub, Czech Republic  
**EFPP Conference Co-ordinator :** Anne Holländer, Denmark

**Local Organising Committee:** Hanka Drábková, Marie Hošková, Lucie Lucká, Dana Kárová, Luděk Vrba, Kamila Ženatá (all Czech Republic)

## Scientific Committee

Rudolf Balmer (Switzerland), Pierre Benghozi (France, EFPP Executive) Peggy Deeny (Ireland, EFPP Executive, Group Section Coordinator), Marie Hošková (Czech Republic), Thor Kristian Island (Norway), Anne Lindhardt (Denmark) Isaura Manso Neto (Portugal), Gila Ofer (Israel, EFPP Executive), Luděk Vrba (Czech Republic, EFPP Executive), Gerda Winter (Denmark, IGA, GAS).

## Conference Official Language

The official language of the conference is English. The main lectures will be translated into Czech. Small groups and experiential groups will be in English, French and Czech. Conference catalogue will consist of full-text main papers, keynote lecturers profile and art reproductions from accompanying cultural projects including an essay by the exhibition curator, artists' biographies both in English and Czech.

## Conference Venue

The Conference will take place in The Diplomat Hotel, a four star hotel, which provides accommodation and full board. The hotel is within 10 minutes from Prague Airport by taxi and Prague's historical centre is easily accessible by public transport in approximately 15 minutes.  
<http://www.diplomathotel.cz/content/en/1.php>

## Registration Fee is in Czech Crowns (CZK)

*(the fees include 4 day scientific programme, main papers and art catalogue, lunches, Welcome drink and exhibition, Gala dinner):*

	<b>Before 27 Jan 2009</b>	<b>28 Jan- 25 May 2009</b>
Full Fee	<b>13.000</b>	<b>14.300</b>
Reduced Fee	<b>6.000</b>	<b>7.300</b>
Students	<b>4.000</b>	<b>4.000</b>

Reduced fee application, cancellation policy and accompanying persons programme will be explained on the conference website in more detail. You can find Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner details on the conference website as well.

## For further information and registration go to

Conference website: [www.efpp2009.cz](http://www.efpp2009.cz)  
 or contact

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## Call for abstracts for workshops and paper presentations

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to [vrba@cspap.cz](mailto:vrba@cspap.cz) and [groupconf@efpp2009.cz](mailto:groupconf@efpp2009.cz) or by mail to **Luděk Vrba, Vratislavova 2, 128 00 Praha 2, Czech Republic**

**! The closing date for submissions will be on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 !**

**Abstract guidelines:** You are requested to submit your abstract in English, A4 (text spacing 1,5 lines, font type is Arial 12 pt) including author, title, address, maximum number of words 250 (excluding title and author details).

Abstract submission form and details are available on [www.efpp2009.cz](http://www.efpp2009.cz)



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*We look forward to seeing you in Prague.*