



**THE CHALLENGE  
OF INNER WORLDS OF  
OUTER REALITIES**  
**SOCIAL  
TRAUMATA**

EFPP CONFERENCE, BELGRADE, 10-13 May, 2018.

**Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming European Federation for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (EFPP) Conference that will take place in **Belgrade, Serbia, from 10th-13th of May, 2018.**

In cooperation with the  
**Association of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists of Serbia**  
and **Group Analytic Society Belgrade,**  
this EFPP conference will encompass two Sections:  
**Group and Adult individual psychotherapy sections.**

The theme of the conference:

**“The Challenge of Social Traumata –  
Inner Worlds of Outer Realities”**

was chosen in the light of recent events that have shed a new perspective on our everyday life, such as massive demographic changes as a result of wars in the Middle East, terrorist attacks that have become more common than ever, as well as growing economic concerns have significantly transformed our outer reality. But as these changes induce significant disturbances in the external environment, they undoubtedly cause profound trauma on both individual and societal levels.

By bringing together psychoanalysts, psychoanalytic psychotherapists, group analysts, as well as students/trainees from all over the world, this conference is a rather unique opportunity to not only share and discuss, but also try to perceive how these events shape the lives of our patients, as well as our own.

As Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists, we “digest” certain aspects of these realities through individuals and groups we work with, while living in those realities at the same time.

With a sense of honor and gratitude, we are happy to announce that some of the leading experts in these fields will participate as key speakers:

**Salman Akhtar, Ivanka Dunjić, Stephen Frosh, Julian Lousada, Morris Nitsun and Ulrich Schultz-Venrath.**

As the magnitude of social trauma increases, we must find ways to cope with tremendous amounts of pain and suffering, both as individuals and as a society. How should we approach this uncertain reality that we are all a part of? Must we find ways to adapt, or perhaps evolve in some way in order to work through these difficult challenges?

Through Discussion groups, Small experiential groups, the Large group, Subplenaries, Workshops, Social dreaming matrix and Panel Lectures, we will explore our inner and outer worlds in a city that has been desecrated and rebuilt numerous times throughout its long and painful history. A city that endured substantial cultural and economic transformations, as well as bombing on numerous occasions, the last one being less than 20 years ago, is now evolving into a modern metropolis, despite its turbulent past and trauma that resides in its citizens. Perhaps it is a good place to continue our search.

The main venue will be the recently renovated *“Metropol Palace”* Hotel, originally built more than 50 years ago as a conference venue. It is situated next to one of the most renowned city parks, Tašmajdan, and is located within walking distance from the city centre. Facilities of the Belgrade University – the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Technical Sciences, as well as the University Library, are in close proximity to the Hotel and will be used as additional venues.

The official language of the conference will be English. All additional information will be available through future announcements, as well as the conference website:

[www.efpp-belgrade2018.com](http://www.efpp-belgrade2018.com)

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