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# Psychoanalysis in the Shadow of War and Holocaust

**Poles – Jews – Germans**

German-Polish Conference  
at the International  
Psychoanalytic University

**Berlin, September 6 – 8, 2018**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Research Project:**

# **Psychoanalysis in the Shadow of War and Holocaust Poles – Jews – Germans**

**Conference Location:**

International Psychoanalytic University, Stromstraße 2,  
10555 Berlin; Germany

**Cooperation:**

International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, Pedagogical University  
of Krakow, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn

**Scientific Heads:**

Professor Dr. habil. Ewa Kobylińska-Dehe, PAN Warsaw, IPU Berlin  
Professor Dr. habil. Paweł Dybel, UP Krakow, PAN Warsaw

At the second conference on the history of psychoanalysis in the German-Polish - Jewish context, we are going to consider a range of differing perspectives. First of all, we would like to speak about the fate of Polish - Jewish psychoanalysts, psychiatrists and their patients during the war, the Holocaust, their escape and emigration. Our intention is to consider the individual and collective forms of coping and coming to terms with these experiences from a psychoanalytical perspective, especially their impact on psychoanalysis and psychiatry. Lastly, we intend to discuss the role of psychoanalysis in the development of forms of collective memory in the postwar period and in the present. The central issue in the research project that forms the basis for this conference is the work of the Polish psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, as well as Polish discussions about coping and coming to terms with these traumatic experiences. The Polish society is still facing the task of confronting the past and undertaking the work of mourning; mourning the extermination of Jews and their consequent disappearance from Poland, but also the marginalization of national minorities, the decimation of the intelligentsia, the victims of the civil war in Poland after World War II and the victims of Stalinism, and the mass resettlements. Increasing nationalism and the spreading attitudes of exclusion towards all forms of otherness in Poland today proves that this traumatic past has not been worked through.

For decades, the extent and consequences of totalitarianism in the 20th century was also not a topic of discussion in the Western world – neither in the social discourse nor on the psychoanalyst's couch.

Questions about the return of the repressed and about the potential of humanity in psychoanalysis vis a vis the challenges of the newly disturbed balance of the world form the unspoken horizon of our wandering conference series, which began in 2017 in Krakow, is coming to Berlin in 2018 and then moves on to Warsaw next year. Many of speakers have chosen their approach here intuitively through the materiality of the places and the singularity of individual fates. In that sense, when a young Korean was asked why he made the long journey to Auschwitz, he answered: "In order to understand Europe".

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## Thursday, September 6, 2018

18.00     **Opening**  
Ewa Kobylińska-Dehe, International Psychoanalytic University,  
Berlin

### Welcoming Addresses

Martin Teising, President of the International Psychoanalytic  
University, Berlin

Paweł Dybel, Pedagogical University of Krakow

### Public Lectures

**Historizing the Holocaust – How to Make Meaning  
of a Special Historical Experience**

Jörn Rüsen (Bochum)

**Psychoanalysis as a Critical Theory of History. The Case of Poland**

Andrzej Leder (Warsaw)

Reception

## Friday, September 7, 2018

**The Fate of Polish Psychoanalysts during Wartime and in the Postwar  
Period (I)**

09.00     **Chair:** L. M. Hermanns

**A Miraculous Escape. The Diaries of Roman Markuszewicz  
1941-1944**

Paweł Dybel (Krakow, Warsaw)

**(No) Memory of the Extermination of the mentally ill in Poland**

Mira Marcinow (Warsaw), Filip Marcinowski (Warsaw)

**Daniel Fajnsztein – Between Psychoanalysis and  
Ethnography in the Vilnius Ghetto**

Karolina Szymaniak (Krakow, Warsaw)

11.00     **Coffee Break**

**The Fate of Polish Psychoanalysts during Wartime and in the Postwar  
Period (II)**

11.30     **Chair:** Paweł Dybel

**Salomea Kempner (1880-1943): From Plock to Warsaw via  
Zurich, Vienna and Berlin – A Psychoanalyst's Career in the  
Shadow of the Holocaust**

Ludger M. Hermanns (Berlin)

**Rudolf M. Loewenstein and the Psychoanalytic Theory  
of Antisemitism**

Bernhard Bolech (Berlin)

**„It's not the time to celebrate“. Freud's Letters to his Sisters**

Arkadi Błatow (Berlin)

13.30     **Lunch Break**

**Psychiatry and Psychotherapy after the Holocaust**

15.30     **Chair:** Anna Leszczyńska-Koenen

**The KZ Auschwitz-Birkenau Survivors Study at the Krakow University Department of Psychiatry**

Jacek Bomba (Krakow), Krzysztof Szwejca (Krakow)

**Empathy vs. "Scientific Research". Considerations on the Examination of Survivors of the Nazi Terror in Krakow and the Federal Republic of Germany**

Siegling Schröder (Berlin)

**The Force of Destiny. Alberta Szalita – A Jewish Psychoanalyst from Warsaw in America**

Ewa Kobylińska-Dehe (Frankfurt, Berlin)

18.00 Group Discussion

## **Saturday, September 8, 1918**

### **Life after the Holocaust – Clinical Lectures**

09.00 Chair: Martin Teising

**Psychotherapy of Holocaust Survivors in Poland**

Katarzyna Prot-Klinger (Warsaw), Krzysztof Szwejca (Krakow)

**The Granddaughter. Psychoanalytic Work with a Patient of the Third Generation**

Anna Leszczyńska-Koenen (Frankfurt)

**Dreams as the source of historical research on the Holocaust**

Barbara Engelking (Warsaw)

11.00 Coffee Break

### **Between Generations (I)**

11.30 Chair: Lilli Gast

**The Legacy of "Bloodlands." What connects Jewish, Polish, Ukrainian and German Children born after World War II?**

Małgorzata Ojrzynska (Warsaw)

**Who owns the Holocaust? The Transformation of the Holocaust Memory in Polish Society**

Agnieszka Makowiecka-Pastusiak (Warsaw)

13.00 Lunch Break

### **Between Generations (II)**

14.30 Chair: Arkadi Błatow

**"You may live here." The Resettlement Trauma from two Perspectives: German and Polish**

Ewa Sobczak (Opole)

**The Anatomy of a Gesture. Considerations about Willy Brandt's Genuflection in Warsaw**

Lilli Gast (Berlin)

**Foreign Heritage in my Suitcase? A Reading Tour through Germany with Memories of a Polish Survivor**

Katarina Bader (Stuttgart)

16.45 Closing Discussion, Raum 3b-04, Stromstraße 3b\*

18.45 Walking tour guided by Regine Lockot\*

"A History of Berlin psychoanalysis"

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### Języki konferencji:

English, German, Polish

## Speakers

### **Bader, Katarina**

Professor Dr. phil., Hochschule der Medien, Stuttgart. Political Scientist and Journalist. Author of the book "Jurek's Legacy: Life beyond Survival" (2010).

### **Blatow, Arkadi**

MA, Theory and History of Psychoanalysis Research Associate at the IPU. Clinical Psychologist. Berlin Psychoanalytical Institute (DPV) candidate.

### **Bolech, Bernhard**

Dr. phil., Research Associate and Librarian at the IPU. Historian. Most recent publication: "Galician Psychoanalysts at Freud's Side. On the Epistemic Benefits of Social Marginalization" (2018).

### **Bomba, Jacek**

Professor Dr. med. habil., Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Supervisor. Awarded PhD under Antoni Kępiński on Disorders of the Psychosexual Identity. Habilitation Thesis on Depression among Adolescents. Former Chair of Psychiatry, Coll. Medicum, Jagiellonen University, Krakow.

### **Dybel, Paweł**

Professor Dr. habil., Pedagogical University of Krakow, IFiS Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw. Philosopher. Author of numerous books on psychoanalysis and hermeneutics. Recent publications: "Psychoanalytical Fragments. Philosophical Essays" (Würzburg 2016); "A Past Messiah. Bruno Schulz and Psychoanalysis" (2017).

### **Engelking, Barbara**

Professor Dr. habil., Psychologist and Sociologist; Head of the Centre for Research on the Holocaust at the Polish Academy of Sciences; author and co-author of numerous books on the Holocaust and the Warsaw ghetto.

### **Gast, Lilli**

Professor Dr. habil., former Vice President of the IPU, Berlin, Psychologist. Publications on theoretical psychoanalysis. Co-editor of the series: Psychoanalysis in the 21st Century and the "Jahrbuch der Psychoanalyse. Beiträge zur Theorie, Praxis und Geschichte".

### **Hermanns, Ludger M.**

Psychoanalyst (DPV, IPA), Group Analyst, Doctor of Psychosomatic Medicine, Karl Abraham Institute, Berlin. Editor of source works on the history of psychoanalysis for 30 years. Chairperson of the Archive of the History of Psychoanalysis Association, co-editor of the journal Luzifer-Amor.

### **Kobylińska-Dehe, Ewa**

Professor Dr. habil., Psychoanalyst, (DPV, IPA), Cultural Scientist, Philosopher; IPU Berlin, FPI Frankfurt., IFiS, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw. Most recent publications: "With Derrida – On the Way to the Psychoanalysis" (2017), "The Bodily Language and the Voices of Silence" (2017), "Like a Phoenix from the Ashes – On the Decline and Rebirth of Psychoanalysis in Poland" (2018).

### **Leszczynska-Koenen, Anna**

Psychoanalyst, Lecturer and Supervisor (FPI Frankfurt, DPV, DPG, University Medical Center Mainz, Mental Health Center, Shanghai). Publications: "Cardiac Asthma – Exile and Object Loss"; "Verstehen und Nichtverstehen. Über Fremdheit in psychoanalytischen Behandlungen"; "Comprehension and Non-comprehension. On Strangeness in Psychoanalytic Treatments"; "Psychiatry after Auschwitz".

### **Leder, Andrzej**

Professor Dr. habil., Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences, Psychotherapist. Studied medicine and philosophy. Publications (a selection): "Freud's Theory in the "Being and Time" Era"; "The Dreamy Revolution"; "The Crack in the Glass. Theory in the Psychoanalytical Field".

### **Lockot, Regine**

Dr. phil., Psychoanalyst (DPG/DGPT/IPA) with own practice. Since 1985, publications on the history of psychoanalysis in National Socialism, the postwar era and the GDR. Memorial Plaque Project: "With Freud in Berlin".

**Makowiecka-Pastusiak, Agnieszka**

Psychiatrist, Training Analyst, Supervisor and Lecturer at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society (IPA). Research interests: Individual and social trauma; long-term effects of traumatization for the subsequent generations.

**Marcinów, Mira**

Dr.phil., Psychologist, Philosopher, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology PAN. Recent publications: "The History of Polish Madness" (2018); "The Unhealed Wound of Narcissus. Psychoanalysis in Poland before 1939" together with B. Dobroczyński (2018).

**Marcinowski, Filip**

Psychiatrist, PhD student at the Medical University of Warsaw. Research interests: The history of psychiatry; the genocide of the mentally ill in the Third Reich. Recent publication: " Polish Pupils of Eugen Bleuler" (2016).

**Ojzyńska, Małgorzata**

Training Analyst, Supervisor and Lecturer at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society (IPA). In private practice for 20 years.

**Prot-Klinger, Katarzyna**

Professor Dr. med. habil., Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw; Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist. Research interests: Social and mental consequences of traumatization. Monograph: "Life after the Holocaust. The Trauma Consequences of the Holocaust Survivors from Poland and Rumania".

**Rüsen, Jörn**

Professor Dr.habil., Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Essen, Professor Emeritus from Witten/Herdecke University. Research focus: Theory and history of the science of history. Recent publications: "Kultur macht Sinn" (Culture Makes Sense) (2006); (ed.) "Perspektiven der Humanität" (Perspectives of Humanity) 2010; "Historik. Theorie der Geschichtswissenschaft" (History. Theory of the Science of History) (2013).

**Schröder, Sieglind**

Dr. med., Psychiatrist and Neurologist. Training Analyst, Karl Abraham Institute, Berlin (DPV/IPA). Clinical work (psychiatric and inpatient psychotherapeutic treatment) and private practice for psychoanalysis.

**Sobczak, Ewa**

Training Analyst and Supervisor at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society (DPV/IPA). Research interests: Significance of transgenerational messages for the psychoanalytical process.

**Szwajca, Krzysztof**

Dr. med., Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Supervisor at the Psychiatric University Clinic for Children and Adolescents; numerous publications on the trauma consequences of the Holocaust survivors, among others.

**Teising, Martin**

Professor Dr. phil., President of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin. Specialist in Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis and Psychosomatic Medicine. Training Analyst, former Chairperson of the DPV, European Representative on the Board of the IPA.

**Szymaniak, Karolina**

Dr. phil., Karolina Szymaniak, Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław, Jewish Historical Institute ŻIH. Research interests: Modern Yiddish literature, gender studies. Publications include: Translation and editing of writings by Rachel Auerbach from the Warsaw ghetto.

**Walewska, Katarzyna**

Dr. phil., Training Analyst at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society (IPA), member of the Paris Psychoanalytic Society, founder of the Institute for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in Warsaw. Longstanding Research Associate at Warsaw University. Recent publication: " The Importance of Theory in a Psychoanalytic Process" (2011).

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