Return of the Repressed?

Psychoanalysis and the Legacy of Totalitarianism in the 21st Century

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The term "Return of the repressed" refers to the tendency discovered by Freud to repeat the past that has not been worked through in the form of symptoms. We would like to ask the question if the "antiliberal turn" in Poland and in other post-communist countries, also noticeable in Germany and in some West-European countries, could be treated as the symptom of the legacy of past century totalitarianism that has not been worked through? Or is it the expression of new regression to archaic fears and politically manipulated aggression towards the globalisation processes that cannot be integrated by the traditional democratic mechanisms?

Are the current crisis of liberal democracy and the breaking down of European project only temporary phenomena or do they have deeper roots in the socio-cultural transformations of our time?

Psychoanalysis as the heir of European Enlightenment preached the ideas of social and individual emancipation. The Freudian project consisted of three elements: ethics of self-knowledge, critical Hermeneutics of culture and psychotherapy. But as the result of the development of psychoanalysis the therapeutic element became dominating.

We would like to ask the question about the critical potential of contemporary psychoanalysis. Does it offer the adequate cognitive means to understand the disturbing social phenomena? Could it become the critical theory and practice again?

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15.03. 2019, Friday

09:00  Registration of participants

10:00  Opening of the Conference
Ewa Kobylinska-Dehe, International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, IFiS PAN, Warsaw,
Dariusz Stola, Director of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews

10:30  Legacies: Communism, Fascism and Psychoanalysis
The End of the Principle of Hope? Utopia, Memory and the Economics of Drives
Andrzej Leder (Warsaw)
Psychoanalysis, Working Through the Nazi Past and the German Political Situation Today
Hans-Jürgen Wirth (Giessen)
Chair: Ludger M. Hermanns

12:30  Lunch

14:00 - 17:00  Can only Fascism save us?
Joanna Tokarska-Bakir (Warsaw)

Return or Rebirth? Comments on right-wing Populism in East Germany
Annette Simon (Berlin)

Rasztów: The Centre of Psychoanalytic Therapy in Communist Poland and Today - does the Transference exist?
Jerzy Pawlik (Warsaw)
Chair: Katarzyna Prot-Klinger i Bernhard Bolech

19:00 - 20:00  Everyday Madness. On Grief, Loss, Anger and Psychoanalysis
Lisa Appignanesi (London)
Chair: Karolina Szymaniak

16.03. 2019, Saturday

09:00  Presentation of the Research Project
Paweł Dybel, Ludger Hermanns
Chair: Ewa Kobylinska-Dehe

09:30  Psychoanalytic Diagnoses of Our Time
“The time is out of joint?” Psychoanalysis and Decontainment of the World
Ewa Kobylinska-Dehe (Frankfurt, Berlin)

Totalitarian State of Mind as a Source of Relief. What do the Inhabitants of the small City “Miastko” in Poland talk about?
Małgorzata Ojrzyńska, (Warsaw)
Chair: Lilli Gast

11:30  Coffee Break

12:00  Following H. Arendt: The Banality of Fear. On the Mind of Bystander. The Case of Lithuania
Tomas Kajokas (Vilnius)
Can the Holocaust be worked through? The Example of Group Analysis  
Katarzyna Prot-Klinger (Warsaw)

Blackout. Notes about Work with Patient with Holocaust Trauma  
Wojciech Sobański (Warsaw)

15:00 Chair: Ewa Głód

Lunch

16:00 - Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN
18:00 Visiting of the Museum with a Guide
18:30 - Social dreaming Matrix
19:30 The Interpretation of Dreams of Conference Participants in the Group, Social and Cultural Context  
Chair: Joanna Skowrońska

17.03. 2019, Sunday

09:00 About Psychoanalysis in Today's Poland  
Ewa Głód, President of The Polish Psychoanalytic Society (Warsaw)

09:30 Legacy of Enlightenment in Psychoanalysis  
The Legacy of Enlightenment in Psychoanalysis. Some Annotations  
Lilli Gast (Berlin)

How to Wash Up Polish Souls? The Vicissitudes of Critical Thinking in Poland and Psychoanalysis  
Paweł Dybel (Warsaw)

Chair: Arkadi Blatow

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 - Panel: Psychoanalysis facing the Challenges of the Present  
(Representatives of the Next Generation)
14:30 Social Psychoanalysis in Practice - Possibility or Manic Defense?  
Anna Zajenkowska (Warsaw)

Psychoanalytic Work with Refugees in Germany  
Nadine Teuber (Frankfurt)

Is Neutrality still possible? Dilemmas of a Psychotherapist in Today's Political World  
Jakub Bobrzyński (Cracow)

Psychoanalytic Theory of Mentalization and the Hostility towards Strangers in Germany  
Felix Brauner (Berlin)

The Rejection of Femininity as a Barrier in a Contemporary World’s Development.  
Agnieszka Rudzka (Warsaw)

Chair: Mira Marcinów

14:30 Closing of the Conference: Paweł Dybel
The Fee includes: participation in the conference, materials, two coffee breaks, two lunches, visiting the Polin Museum with a guide.

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Speakers

Appignanesi Lisa, PhD
Writer, novelist, and historian. Author: Freud’s Women (with John Forrester), Mad Bad and Sad, Losing the Dead, and most recently: Everyday Madness: On Grief, Anger, Loss and Love. She has been Chair of the Freud Museum London, President of English PEN, and is currently Chair of the Royal Society of Literature. She chaired the 2018 Man Booker Prize International.

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Brauner Felix, MS
Psychologist and psychotherapist in training (PA/PD), scientific assistant at the psychological university Berlin (PHB), published a book about mentalizing and hostility towards strangers.

Dybel Paweł, PhD

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