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OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 1, 2026



BORDERS, IDENTITY AND THE REKINDLING OF OUR SHARED HUMANITY





CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2026

3:45PM – 4.30PM: WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

4:30 PM – 7:30 PM: PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
The Tree of Life – Arbol de La Vida | with Emma Wong and Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2026

8:15AM – 9.00 AM: REGISTRATION

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM: WELCOME REMARKS
LUCERO ALFARO, PRESIDENT SOMEJ
PILAR AMEZAGA, PRESIDENT IAAP

9:10 AM – 9:45 AM: COMMUNITY ALTAR-BUILDING RITUAL

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM: BREAK

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: PLENARY SESSIONS

María Lourdes Albarrán Ampudia | *Malintzin: Betrayal, Inclusion and Transformation*
Andrew Samuels | *Politics: Sacred and Profane*
Monica Luci | *The Violated Threshold: Liminal Violence, Archetypal Regression, and the Erosion of the Psycho-Political Containment*

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: COFFEE BREAK

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Andrea Gaspar | *United States of Trauma: Psychic Borders, Collective Identity, and the Work of Transformation*
Fabiola Perri Venturini | *The Disregarded Soul of Poverty: Psychological Clinical Practice in Contexts of Inequality in Brazil*
Jared Green | *The Land Speaks a Language Beyond Rupture: Pilgrimage and Ancestral Presence at Sites of Colonial Violence in Tasmania, Australia*

Michał Stankiewicz | *Deep Map*
Sofía Jiménez Guzmán & Tracy Sidesinger | *Schizocartography in Ecuador's Cloud Forest: Subjective Mapping as Resistance in Action*
Heather Rees | *A Space of Becoming: The Archetype of Home and the Imaginal Journey of Forcibly Displaced Persons*

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: LUNCH

3 PM – 4:30 PM: WORKSHOPS

Robin McCoy Brooks, Johnny Olesen, Graham Harriman and Lusijah Marx | *A Mutual Aid Approach for Building World Making Synchronistic Connections*

Chema Jiménez, Camila Ribeiro, Melissa Kohner, Valeria Kierbel and Karen Herdzik | *Epistemology of the borderlands: on the limits of transcending divisions. A bilingual conversatorio*

4:30 PM-5.00 PM: COFFEE BREAK

5.00PM – 6:30 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Iryna Semkiv | *Fear as a Mechanism ofFragmentation or Transformation of Identity within the Experience of War*
Naomi Azriel | *The Imaginal as Individuating Temenos for Reckoning with Complicity in the Israeli Collective Shadow*
Nadia Thalji | *Psychological Borderlands: Liminality, and the Ethics of Belonging*

Aleksandra Trtica | *EarthScent: Geobiological Continuums, Sensory Memory, and the Illusion of Borders*
Mitchell Smolkin | *The Invisible Architecture of a Diasporic Movement: Zionism's ~~Political~~ Pedagogy and Its Remainder Within Modern Jewish Identity*
Guilherme Scandiucci | *Anima/Dysphoria Mundi: Gender and Neo-Jungian Clinical Practice*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: DREAM MATRIX

Dream Matrix | facilitated by Emma Wong and Rocío Ruiz Navarro

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: PLENARY SESSIONS

Rolando J. Fuentes | *A Part of and Apart From: The Hinge as a Transcendent Function While Living and Working in Between Cultural Borders*
Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi | *Where Should We Go After the Last Frontiers? Where Should the Birds Fly After the Last Skies?"*
Kathleen Kirgin | *Ireland and the Cultural Complex: A Collective Transfiguration of Soul*

10:30 AM – 11.00 AM: COFFEE BREAK

11.00 AM – 12:30 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

José Gabriel Alcalá Farrera | *El VIH Como Complejo Cultural de la vergüenza*
George Taxidis | *Snowflake Epistemology: "I Wouldn't Have Made the Revolution If I Wasn't Crazy"*
Yannis Munro | *Non-binary Identities in the Psychoanalytic Field - A Bridge of Reciprocal Affective Communication and Its Potential for Shared Humanity*

Luisa Fernanda Flores Guzmán | *Ni de aquí, ni de allá: El complejo de la vergüenza y la transformación de la identidad del migrante*
Melissa "Kate" McIntosh | *Living at the Border: Reflexivity, Step-Family Systems, and the Analyst's Ethical Position*
Indhushree Rajan & Juliet Rohde-Brown | *The Borderland as Bridge Toward Psychological Integration and Sociocultural Engagement*

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM: LUNCH

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Alexandra Fidyk | *Activism and the Body: Analytical Psychology, Somatic and Trauma-Sensitive Practice for Transformative Pedagogy*
Rachael Collier | *Oppression and Archetype*
Fran Ruggiero Alfaro | *Precolonial sound as a psychotherapeutic tool. A practice-and-thought to resist the binary and colonial epistemology of classical analytical psychology*

Carolina Guíñez | *La identidad lésbica como camino de individuación*
Liliana Valéria Crisci Abeid and Andréa Cunha Silva Franco | *Brazilian Territory: Indigenous Influence and the Multiplicity of the Brazilian Soul*
Carmen Livia Parise | *From the Wall of Binarism to the Frontier of Feminist Complex Psychology: the reconnection among women as a bridge toward a new world order*

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM: COFFEE BREAK

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Natalia El-Sheikh | *Transcendent Function or Psychoanalytic Innocence? Staying with the Horror of the Wound*
Moshe Alon | *Analyst in Time of War: Mission Possible?*
Helge Osterhold | *Borderlands of Belonging: A Depth Psychological and Integral Exploration of Cultural Complexes in an Age of Division*

Manca Švara & Daniel Wutti | *Cross-Border Remembrance, Reconnection, Restoring and Resilience - Re4Healing*
Ilinca Balas | *Looking with Dark Eyes at Darker Times: Reflections on the Romanian collective psyche and its splits*
Kseniia Platonova | *I am the Good One | Reflections on collective and individual responsibility, guilt and anger from the perspective of a Russian migrant*

8:00 PM: GALA DINNER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: DREAM MATRIX

Dream Matrix | facilitated by Emma Wong and Rocío Ruiz Navarro

9:00 AM – 10.30 AM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Álvaro Carrasco | *The New Frontier: Artificial Intelligence and Psyche. Control, Individuation, and the Disobedience of Imagination*
Matthew Silverstein | *The Qedeshim, Queerness, and Jewish Ancestral Repair*
Eduardo Viezca | *Poetics as a Portal into Nepantla: Transgression and Border-Crossing in Interpretive Research*

Peter Dunlap | *Integrating Healing and Justice Values: Small group work activates our psychocultural development*
Andréa Cunha Silva | *Revisiting Jungian Psychology from the Analytical Relationship with Indigenous Students in Brazil*
Natalia Matveeva | *Immigration as a Dreaming Process of the Collective Psyche: Toward Images Seeking Recognition*

10.30 AM – 11:00 AM: COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: PLENARY SESIONS

Abner Flores | *They Tried to Bury Us, They Didn't Know We Were Seeds": Working with Mexican, Mixteco, and Zapoteco Immigrant Farmworker Families in a Community Mental Health Clinic in South Oxnard, California*
Fanny Brewster | *Shadow and Light: Resiliency in a Time of Chaos*
Jacqueline Gerson | *Quetzalcoatl, Jung, Multiculturalism*

12.30 PM – 12.45 PM: BREAK

12.45 PM – 2:00 PM: CLOSING CONVERSATION:

ANDREW SAMUELS, VALERIA KIERBEL, HEBA ZAPHIRIOU-ZARIFI, FANNY BREWSTER, CHEMA JIMÉNEZ

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This conference aims to explore and exchange best practices emerging from both our individual and collective work as analysts and activists, with particular attention to the points at which these roles intersect. Please note that the event will take place in person and will be conducted in English and Spanish with translation provided. Kindly be advised that the schedule and program may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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