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7TH CONFERENCE OF ANALYSIS AND ACTIVISM,  
CALLE ARQUÍMEDES 4, POLANCO, MEXICO CITY

# TRANSCENDING DIVISIONS

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 1, 2026



BORDERS, IDENTITY AND  
THE REKINDLING OF OUR  
SHARED HUMANITY



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**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 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**8:00 AM – 8:50 AM: DREAM MATRIX**

**Dream Matrix** | facilitated by Emma Wong and Robin B. Zeiger

**9:00 AM – 9:10 AM: WELCOME REMARKS, 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: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**

**María Lourdes Albarrán Ampudia** | *Breaking Barriers: The Power of Inclusion*

**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**

**Noa Schwartz Feuerstein** | *Wounds and Shadows in Activism: An Indian Perspective*

**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*

**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 Herzdik** | *Epistemology of the Borderlands: On the Limits of Transcending Divisions*

**4:30 PM-5:00 PM: COFFEE BREAK**

**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**

**Iryna Semkiv** | *Fear as a Mechanism of Fragmentation 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*

**Yamini Deenadayalan** | *Decolonizing: Everyday Border Crossings*

**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*

**6:30 PM – 7:00 PM: CLOSING CONVERSATION**

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

### 8:00 AM – 8:50 AM: DREAM MATRIX

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### 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: BREAK-OUT 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 – 10:45 AM: COFFEE BREAK

### 10:45 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*

**Sunitha Sivamani** | *Borders and Boundaries: Divided by faith; separated by belonging*

**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 – 3:45 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** | *Sound as a Psychotherapeutic Tool: A Decolonial and Queer Praxis/Thought to Open Cracks in the Matter-Spirit Binary of Classical Jungian 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 and Cris Vianna Amara** | *From the Wall of Binarism to the Frontier of Feminist Complex Psychology: the reconnection among women as a bridge toward a new world order*

### 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM COFFEE BREAK

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### 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** | *An Integral Methodology for Working our Cultural Complexes in the 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*

### 5:30 PM – 5:45 PM: CLOSING CONVERSATION

### 8:00 PM: GALA DINNER

# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

## 8:00 AM – 8:50 AM: DREAM MATRIX

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## 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

**Robin B. Zeiger** | *The Still Small Voice of Political Activism and Analysis: Am I an Imposter*

**Álvaro Carrasco and Christian Rodway** | *The New Frontier: Artificial Intelligence and Psyche. Control, Individuation, and the Disobedience of Imagination*

**Matthew Silverstein** | *The Qedeshim, Queerness, and Jewish Ancestral Repair*

**Peter Dunlap** | *Integrating Healing and Justice Values: Small group work activates our psychocultural development*

**Eduardo Viesca** | *Poetics as a Portal into Nephantla: Transgression and Border-Crossing in Interpretive Research*

**Andréa Cunha Silva** | *Revisiting Jungian Psychology from the Analytical Relationship with Indigenous Students in Brazil*

## 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM: COFFEE BREAK

## 11:30 AM – 13:00 PM: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

**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*

## 13:00 PM – 2:00 PM: CLOSING CONVERSATION FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO DAYS

*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, with Spanish subtitles available. Kindly be advised that the schedule and program may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

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