



Lithuanian Group Analytic Society



Vilnius University

International Summer Conference of Group Analysis

BOOKS IN GROUP ANALYSIS

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Vilnius, Lithuania

*Brothers and sisters, take it and read
And while reading, think it over ...*

In 1547 Mazvydas compiled and published the first printed Lithuanian book 'The Simple Words of Catechism', that was the beginning of literature and printing in Lithuanian – to educate people and spread culture ...

Lithuanian Group Analytic Society and Vilnius University invite practitioners, teachers and students of group analysis and group psychotherapy to the traditional 5th International Summer Conference of Group Analysis in Lithuania.

Group Analysis being a combination of art and science faces the challenge to be shared and taught, manualized and transmitted. What books should be read to become an excellent artist of group conducting, what books can reveal conceptualized, rational approach and also intuition, spontaneity and creativity?

What difficulties and challenges, excitements and pleasures are encountered by persons who write books and share their experience and knowledge? And on the other hand, what possibilities and new spaces, surprises and questions discover the ones, who read books, learn and test the information in practice?

Finally, our patients gain information and bring the vision of the therapy also from books – what we do with that? What books become an issue and theme in the group, what kind of written word carries a meaning and is significant?

These and other related topics will be the focus of our meeting.

We will have a great honour and pleasure to listen to the plenary lectures of our guests:

Leonidas Donskis, PhD is a Lithuanian philosopher and writer, and a public persona who has written and edited over forty books. He holds an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Bradford (UK), and an Honorary Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from Valahia University in Târgoviște, (Romania). Leonidas Donskis now acts as Professor and Vice-President for Research at ISM University of Management and Economics, and also serves as Honorary Consul of Finland in Kaunas (Lithuania).

He combines political theory, history of ideas, philosophy of culture, philosophy of literature, and essayistic style. Among other books, he is co-author of *Moral Blindness: The Loss of Sensitivity in Liquid Modernity* (2013), and the author of *Fifty Letters from the Troubled Modern World: A Philosophical-Political Diary, 2009–2012* (2013), *Modernity in Crisis: A Dialogue on the Culture of Belonging* (2011), *Troubled Identity and the Modern World* (2009), *Power and Imagination: Studies in Politics and Literature* (2008), and *Forms of Hatred: The Troubled Imagination in Modern Philosophy and Literature* (2003).

Morris Nitsun (UK) is a consultant psychologist for the Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust, a private psychotherapist at the Fitzrovia Group Analytic Practice, London, a senior training analyst at the Institute of Group Analysis, London and the convenor of the Diploma in Innovative Group Interventions at the Anna Freud Clinic. He is worldwide well-known author and frequent presenter of talks, keynote speeches and workshops at international group events.

Books of Morris Nitsun *The Anti-group – destructive forces and their creative potential* (1996) with the new perspective on the nature of group relationship and *The Group as an Object of Desire – exploring sexuality in group psychotherapy* (2006) have been described as ‘classics in the field’. And the newest book of the author *Beyond the Anti-group: Survival and Transformation* (2014) captures us by focusing on anxiety and hostility within, towards and between groups, as well as the destructive potential of groups.

Steinar Lorentzen, MD, PhD (Norway) is a professor emeritus of psychiatry and researcher at the University Oslo, Institute of Clinical Medicine and Research Clinic for Mental Health and Addiction. He is trained psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and group analyst, and a founder member and training group analyst of IGA Norway. Steinar Lorentzen contributed to the establishment and development of a group analytic training programme in Baltic States and is honourable member of Lithuanian GAS.

He is the author of several research studies and has written extensively on group therapy and group analysis, including Guidelines for short-and long-term Group Analysis, for use in a research project. *Group Analytic Psychotherapy: Working with affective anxiety and personality disorders* (2013) is an essential manual and provides detailed description of both long-and short-term versions of group analytic therapy, with rich and vivid clinical examples to illustrate theory and technics.

Felix de Mendelssohn, Hon. Prof. (Austria) is a renowned psychoanalyst and group analyst practicing in Vienna and Berlin. He is a former Chairman of the Section for Group Analysis of IAGP and Head of the Dept. of Psychoanalytic Studies at the Sigmund-Freud University in Vienna. He gave the annual Foulkes Lecture in London in 2000 on *The Aesthetics of the Political in Group Analysis – the Wider Scope*, published, amongst other of his contributions, in the journal Group Analysis.

He has two books published in German currently undergoing English translation, *The Psychoanalytic Subject – Essays on the Theory and Practice of Psychoanalysis* and *The Contrary Motion of the Angels – Psychoanalytic Essays on Art and Society*. He is currently working on a book on the Unconscious in Group Life, subtitled *A Guide for Rugged Individualists*.

We all will participate in the interesting optional workshops, share our thoughts in the small discussion groups and will stay together in the large group. The Programme is in preparation and we are waiting for submission of the proposals for the workshops and running groups until 20th of December, 2014.

Registration fee:

		till April 20, 2015	from April 20, 2015
All participants	W	250 €	300 €
	E	150 €	200 €
Students of Group Analysis	W	150 €	200 €
	E	110 €	150 €
Members of Lithuanian GAS		110 €	150 €

W – western Europe and other developed countries; E – eastern Europe and developing countries
For groups more than 5 people registered together we provide 10 percent registration discount

Registration fee includes entry to the all sessions of Conference, refreshments during coffee breaks, a glass of wine during film discussion on Friday night and Saturday party.

Registration fee has to be paid to: SEB bank, Account No LT09 7044 0600 0137 9470
 SWIFT: CBVILT 2X
 Beneficiary: Lithuanian Group Analytic Society

E-mail for registration and information: dubingiai2015@gmail.com

The conference will take place in the very heart of Lithuania, in the most beautiful Vilnius old town area – Vilnius Archdiocese hotel Domus Maria (<http://www.domusmaria.com/en>) which is based on the premises of a former monastery of Discalced Carmelites, in a complex of buildings that was started in the 16th century to form an impressive architectural ensemble.

On Friday night there will be a possibility to explore capital of Lithuania or to watch a film by the programme, and on Saturday night we will have a Farewell party. You can bring accompanying persons and share with them all the experiences and people that are awaiting you in Lithuania!

Detailed Programme of the Conference is in the process and will be additionally sent.

President of Lithuanian Group Analytic Society

Gitana Vainiuniene

Chair of the Scientific Committee

Eugenijus Laurinaitis

Chair of the Organizing Committee

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