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# Return of the Repressed?

## Psychoanalysis and the Legacy of Totalitarianism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Warsaw, 15 - 17 March 2019



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### **Place:**

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, 6 Mordechaja Anielewicz st., 00-157 Warsaw, Auditorium

### **Cooperation:**

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Pedagogical University, Cracow, International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, NPRH Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Polish Psychoanalytic Society, Warsaw, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Polish Academy of Sciences.

### **Scientific and Organisational Committee:**

Ewa Kobylinska-Dehe (IPU Berlin, IFiS PAN), Paweł Dybel (IFiS PAN, Warsaw, UP Cracow), Katarzyna Prot-Klinger (APS, Warsaw), Karolina Szymaniak (Wrocław University), Ludger M. Hermanns (Karl Abraham Institut, Berlin), Ewa Głód (PTPa, Warsaw)

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 Kobylińska-Dehe, International Psychoanalytic University  
Berlin, IFiS PAN, Warsaw,  
Dariusz Stola, Director of POLIN 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 -      **Can only Fascism save us?**  
17:00      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 -      **Keynote Lecture**  
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 Kobylińska-Dehe
- 09:30      **Psychoanalytic Diagnoses of Our Time**  
  
**"The time is out of joint?" Psychoanalysis and Decontainment  
of the World**  
Ewa Kobylińska-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 Ojrzyska, (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 -**     **POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews**

**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 Błatow

**11:30**     **Coffee Break**

**12:00 -**     **Panel: Psychoanalysis facing the Challenges of the Present**  
**14:30**     (Representatives of the Next Generation)

**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

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## Co-organizers:



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## Languages:

Polish, English

## Contact and Registration:

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## Conference Fee:

140 € (until 15 February 2019, after that date 170 €)

110 € University students and Psychoanalytic Institutes candidates  
(until 15 February 2019, after that date 140 €)

The Fee includes: participation in the conference, materials, two coffee breaks, two lunches, visiting the Polin Museum with a guide.

Conference fee should be paid to the account:

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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.

### **Blatow Arkadi, MA**

Clinical psychologist, Berlin Psychoanalytical Institute (DPV) candidate. Works as a researcher in Theory and History of Psychoanalysis at the IPU.

### **Bobrzyński Jakub, PhD**

Psychiatrist, psychotherapist, candidate of the Polish Psychoanalytical Society. He works in private practice in Cracow.

### **Bolech Bernhard, PhD**

Historian. Works as a researcher and librarian at the IPU. Most recent publication: Galician Psychoanalysts at Freud's Side. On the Epistemic Benefits of Social Marginalization (2018).

### **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**

Philosopher. Professor at the Pedagogical University in Cracow, IFiS Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw. Author of numerous books on psychoanalysis and hermeneutics. Recent publication: "A Past Messiah. Bruno Schulz and Psychoanalysis" (2017).

### **Gast Lilli, PhD**

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

### **Głód Ewa, MS**

Psychologist. President of the Polish Psychoanalytic Society. She used to work as a therapist with children with personality disorders and speech disorders. Training analyst, supervisor and lecturer at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society (IPA). In private practice for 20 years.

### **Hermanns Ludger M.**

Psychoanalyst (DPV, IPA), group analyst, Karl Abraham Institute, Berlin. Chairperson of the Archive of the History of Psychoanalysis Association, co-editor of the journal Luzifer- Amor. Last Book: Psychoanalysis in Self-Portraits, Vol. XI (2017).

### **Kajokas Tomas, PhD**

Training psychoanalyst at the Vilnius Society of Psychoanalysts (IPA). Research interests: addiction, public discourse and the psychoanalysis.

### **Kobylińska-Dehe Ewa, PhD**

Psychoanalyst, (DPV, IPA), Cultural Scientist, Philosopher. Professor at the IPU Berlin, FPI Frankfurt, IFiS PAN Warsaw. Recent publications: "The Bodily Language and the Voices of Silence" (2017), "Body, Touching and Fantasy" (2018).

### **Leder Andrzej, PhD**

Professor at the IFiS, Polish Academy of Sciences. Psychotherapist. Studied medicine and philosophy. Publications: "Freud's Theory in the 'Being and Time' Era"; "Sleepwalking through a Revolution"; "The Crack in the Glass. Theory in the Psychoanalytical Field".

**Marcinów Mira, PhD**

Psychologist, philosopher, IFiS Polish Academy of Sciences. Recent publication: "The Unhealed Wound of Narcissus. Psychoanalysis in Poland before 1939" together with B. Dobroczyński (2018).

**Ojrzyńska Małgorzata, MS**

Training analyst, supervisor and lecturer at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society (IPA). In private practice for 20 years.

**Pawlik Jerzy, PhD**

Training group analyst, founding member of the Institute of Group Analysis Raszów in Warsaw. Honorary member of the Group Analytic Society (London) and honorary member of the Polish Association of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy.

**Prot-Klinger Katarzyna, PhD**

Professor at the Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw. Psychiatrist, training group analyst of the Institute of Group Analysis Raszów. Monograph: "Life after the Holocaust. The Trauma Consequences of the Holocaust Survivors from Poland and Romania".

**Rudzka Agnieszka, MS**

Psychoanalytical therapist and candidate of the Polish Psychoanalytical Society.

**Simon Annette, MS**

Psychoanalyst in own practice in Berlin. Training analyst (DGPT) in the Berlin Psychoanalytical and Psychotherapeutic Institute APB. Several books and papers about psychosocial conflicts of the German reunification.

**Skowrońska Joanna, MS**

Training group analysts of the Institute of Group Analysis Raszów in Warsaw.

**Sobański Wojciech, MS**

Training analyst of Polish Psychoanalytical Society and of Institute of Group Analysis "Raszów".

**Stola Dariusz, PhD**

Professor at the Institute for Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences. From March 2014 the Director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. His multiple publications concern the political and social history of Poland in the XXth century, the Holocaust and international migrations.

**Szymaniak Karolina, PhD**

Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław, Jewish Historical Institute ŻIH. Publications include: Translation and editing of writings by Rachela Auerbach from the Warsaw ghetto.

**Teuber Nadine, PhD**

Psychoanalyst (DPV/IPA) in private practice in Frankfurt am Main. At the Frankfurt Psychoanalytic Institute she works as the project coordinator as part of Refugee Network Center (PSV Rhein Main).

**Tokarska-Bakir Joanna, PhD**

Culture anthropologist and religious scholar. Professor at the Slavistics Institute PAN. Fellow at A.W. Mellon Found., A. von Humboldt - Found., Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University. Recent publication: "Under the Anathema. A Social Portrait of the Kielce Pogrom" (2018).

**Wirth Hans-Jürgen, PhD**

Psychoanalyst and Professor of Psychoanalytical Social Psychology at the University of Frankfurt/Main. Founder of the Publishing company Psychosozial-Verlag. Author of numerous publications et al: Narcissism and Power. Psychoanalysis of Mental Disorders in Politics (2011).

**Zajenkowska Anna, PhD**

Department of Social Psychology of the Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw. Group analyst of the Institute of Group Analysis Raszów. Since 2014 she has been engaged in the project: "Poland on the Couch".