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September 27th 2025 10.30-12 CET

The Refiguration of Female Subjectivity in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Presenter

Nasim Ghaffari

Swiss Society for Psychoanalysis (SGPsa) / German Psychoanalytical Association (DPV)

Nasim Ghaffari is an Iranian psychoanalyst, living and working in Zurich. Her unpublished paper examines the transgenerational transmission and refiguration of female subjectivity under the Islamic Republic of Iran. Drawing on three clinical vignettes of Iranian women from successive generations, it explores how female subjectivity is dynamically shaped through the unconscious interplay between individual life, cultural inheritance and shifting sociopolitical contexts.

Discussant

Gertraud Schlesinger-Kipp

Dr. phil., Dipl.-Psych. German Psychoanalytical Association (DPV)

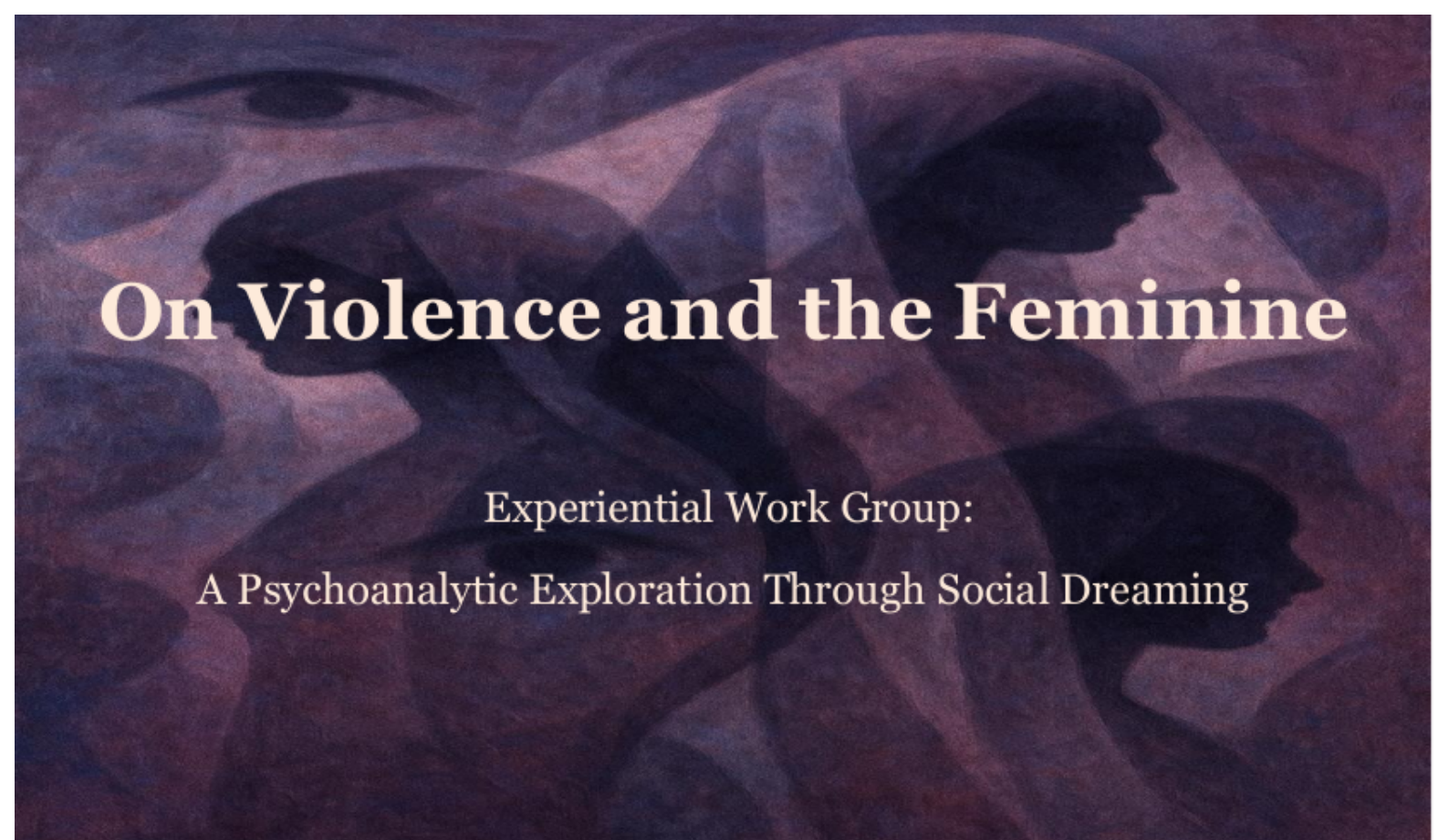
Dr. Gertraud Schlesinger-Kipp is a psychologist, psychoanalyst and training and supervising psychoanalyst of the German Psychoanalytical Association (DPV, IPA), since 1989, in a private practice in Kassel. Chair of migration and refugees subcommittee. Amongst her publication: Trauma, Flight and Migration, Routledge.

On behalf of the EPF Committee *Violence and the Feminine*
Emanuela Quagliata (Italian Psychoanalytical Society), Chair.



Tala Madani *The Womb* 2019

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On Violence and the Feminine

Experiential Work Group:

A Psychoanalytic Exploration Through Social Dreaming

Argument:

In continuity with the Committee's aim, this experiential group fosters interdisciplinary exchange by bringing together psychoanalytic, political, and cultural perspectives through shared experience to deepen understanding of the complex interplay between violence and the feminine. The group centers on lived experience and affective participation, supporting the elaboration of meaning through emergent, collective processes. To this end, it draws on the method of social dreaming to access social unconscious dynamics underlying socio-cultural experience by exploring dreams within a shared setting.

Background:

To differentiate the Social Dreaming Matrix (SDM) from Group Relations Conferences, Gordon Lawrence defined a specific framework and primary task: to explore the social unconscious through dreams, while deliberately avoiding psychoanalytic interpretation and group process analysis. He referred to this as a "monocular" vision focused solely on social dreaming. However, Lawrence also acknowledged that group dynamics inevitably operate within the Matrix, likening social dreaming and group dynamics to the two lenses of a binocular—both shaping the experience.

Building on this, I have previously proposed—in a published article—that the SDM and the Dream Reflection Dialogue (DRD) that follows are two distinct but interdependent moments within a psychoanalytic group setting, whose primary task remains social dreaming. When approached through a psychoanalytic "binocular" vision—attending to both dream material and group dynamics—the Matrix can generate deeper insights into the workings of the social unconscious.

Given the often unrepresented and unformulated nature of violence as it relates to the feminine, the SDM and the psychoanalytically oriented DRD offer a unique experiential method for accessing psychic material that might otherwise remain unspoken or unthought. Previous applications of social dreaming in contexts of collective trauma and cultural anxiety underline its value as a holding structure—a container that facilitates symbolization and transformation.

Modality of Work:

This online experiential work group will meet in a psychoanalytic setting that integrates the SDM. Each session invites participants to share dreams or dream fragments and to associate freely, allowing unconscious links to emerge within the group. The SDM emphasizes creativity, openness, and the suspension of habitual thinking, offering a space where new insights and meanings may take shape experientially. Unlike individual dream interpretation, the SDM focuses on the associative links between dreams and collective experience. It is not a therapeutic group: dreams are not interpreted for the dreamer. No preparation is required, and participation is voluntary. The second part of each session will be dedicated to a psychoanalytically oriented Dream Reflection Dialogue (DRD), in which participants and the facilitator work through the content that surfaced during the matrix.

Target Group: Open to psychoanalysts, candidates, and interdisciplinary professionals interested in psychoanalytic perspectives on group dynamics, violence, and the feminine.

Dates: 4, 11 & 18 October 2025

Time: 9:30–11:00 AM CET / 10:30–12:00 PM EET
(45 min SDM + 45 min DRD)

Total Sessions: 3

(each session stands alone; attendance to all not required).

Registration: Limited to 12 participants.

To register, contact: Olena Kovtun – hkovtun@gmail.com
or Emanuela Quagliata – emanuelaquagliata@gmail.com

Facilitator: Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek is a psychoanalyst and member of the Paris Psychoanalytical Society (SPP) and International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA). She holds a doctorate in psychology and practices privately in Beirut, specializing in couples, family, and group psychoanalysis. Trained in social dreaming, she also has a background in law, negotiation, and mediation. Her recent work focuses on psychoanalysis, conflict transformation, and peacemaking. She authored *The Fraternal Complex in the Middle East* (Routledge, 2025) and was runner-up for the IPA Tyson Prize (2009) and co-recipient of the Rozsika Parker Prize (2021).



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EPF COMMITTEE *VIOLENCE AND THE FEMININE* STUDY GROUPS 2025-2026

November 22nd 2025 at 10.30-12 CET

FEMALE AGGRESSION

Presenter

Ronald Doctor

Dr Ronald Doctor, Psychoanalyst, Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society and past Consultant Psychiatrist in Medical Psychotherapy and Forensic Psychotherapy, Chair of the IPA Committee of Psychoanalysis and Law, and past Board member of the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy. He has edited: *Dangerous Patients: A Psychodynamic Approach to Risk Assessment and Management* (2003) and *Murder; a Psychotherapeutic Investigation* (2008) and published *History, murder and the fear of death*, International J. Of Applied Psych. Studies (2015).

Discussant

Peter Andersson

Peter Andersson, Psychoanalyst, member of the Swedish Psychoanalytical Association. Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Stockholm University, his research focuses on residential care for children and adolescents, particularly how violence emerges in institutional settings. Previously, he worked extensively with psychotherapy for violent offenders in both prison and community settings.

Moderator

Carine Minne

Dr Carine Minne, Psychoanalyst, member of the British Psychoanalytical Society and Consultant Psychiatrist in Forensic Psychotherapy at Broadmoor Hospital (NHS, Public Health Service, UK). Chair the IPA Violence Committee in the Community and World and the EPF working group on Acting Out Patients. She is Editor-in-Chief of the IJFP (International Journal of Forensic Psychotherapy).

Emanuela Quagliata, Chair

On behalf of the EPF Committee 'Violence and the Feminine:'

Michel Van Veen, Silvia Acosta, Peter Andersson, Olena Kovtun,

Nadia Kozhouharova, Rolands Ivanovs , Carine Minne,

Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek, Iris Sarajlić Vuković , Mary- Anne Tandy.



Leonore Carrington
'The Giantess' 1947
Private collection



EPF COMMITTEE

VIOLENCE AND THE FEMININE

Dear colleagues and friends, we are particularly pleased to invite you to our next study group about the feminine and motherhood during wartime on the **31th of January 2026, 10.30-12.15 CET** with

Olena Kovtun, Yuliia Honchar, Natalia Bielova

Silent Wounds: Breaking Bodies, Breaking Bonds:

The Russian War on Ukrainian Womanhood and Generations

These three presentations are united by a profound analytic attention to the feminine as a space of containment - a space that, in war, undergoes the most devastating ruptures. Through different clinical figures - from a mother losing her child, to a child surviving occupation, to a woman whose voice tears open the terrain of violence - we witness how the bond between self and other, between experience and its symbolization, between body and language, can fracture, fall silent, and yet at times be born again.

Despite their different perspectives, all three presentations speak to the same psychic field: when there is no Other capable of holding, the psyche begins to disintegrate. At the center of this collapse lies the maternal, the feminine - that psychic space meant to contain, support, and give form to raw states. In this sense, the maternal is not biological but profoundly psychic: it is what makes survival in chaos possible.

This panel does not offer ready-made answers. On the contrary, it invites us into shared reflection on our professional capacity to serve as a container for what has no words, to hold space for experiences that have not yet become language. At the same time, each presentation speaks not only of suffering, but also of the potential for restoration - slow, fragile, yet real - through connection, language, and presence.

Yuliia Honchar

We are delighted to announce that the artist Alina Zamanova will be participating in the meeting. For those who are able to stay longer, the meeting will end at 12.30pm.



DAY 156 OF FULL SCALE WAR

ALINA ZAMANOVA



DAY 1020 OF FULL SCALE WAR

Emanuela Quagliata, Michel Van Veen, Silvia Acosta, Peter Andersson, Olena Kovtun, Nadia Kozhouharova, Rolands Ivanovs, Carine Minne, Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek, Iris Sarajlić Vuković, Mary-Anne Tandy.



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February 21th 2026 10.30-12.00 CET

Giovanna Ambrosio

VIOLENCE AGAINST FEMININITY IN THE INTRAPSYCHIC AND INTERPERSONAL DIMENSION

Giovanna Ambrosio is a Training and Supervising psychoanalyst of the Italian Psychoanalytical Association (A.I.Psi). Full time psychoanalytic and psychoterapeutic practice in Rome, Italy.

She has been the past Secretary, past Director of the Training Institute and past President of the Italian Psychoanalytical Association (A.I.Psi). Current Director of *Psicoanalisi*, the Journal of the Association. European Member of the IPA Board (2013-2017). Past Overall Chair (2005 - 2009), past consultant (2009-2011), former European Co-chair (2001-2005), of the *IPA Committee Women and Psychoanalysis*

She is the author of various publications and has edited several books published by Karnac : *On incest. psychoanalytic perspectives*, London 2005; *Tranvestism, transsexualism in the psychoanalytic dimension*, London, 2009, and co-edited with Simona Argentieri and Jorge Canestri *Language, Symbolization and Psychosis*, London 2007.

Discussant, Ferhan Öznen

Ferhan Öznen is a Training and Supervising psychoanalyst of the Istanbul Psychoanalytical Society (IPD-IPA). She served as President of the Istanbul Psychoanalytical Society (2018-2022), Chair of the Training Coordination Committee (2020-2022), and Chair of the Cinema and Psychoanalysis Committee (2013-2018). She is currently Co-Chair of the Training Coordination Committee and Chair of the Trauma Study Group. And Chair of the Literature and Psychoanalysis Study Group. She is the author of various publications on femininity, masculinity, sexuality, narcissism, and the death drive. Her publications include "The Obscure Object of Desire" in *Homosexualities*, Routledge. And *Women Analyzing Women* in "Femininity and Its Enigmas" (2021)

ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI

(Courtesy of Alina Zamanova)



Susanna



Lucrezia



Giuditta



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EPF COMMITTEE ***VIOLENCE AND THE FEMININE***

39th Congress OSLO Mar. 27th – 28th, 2026

VIOLENCE, FEMININITY, NEUTRALITY: A PSYCHOANALYTIC REFLECTION ON THE ANALYST'S POSITION

Friday, 27th March 2026 – 15:00-16.30

Chair and discussants

Emanuela Quagliata, Italian Psychoanalytical Society (SPI)

Michel Van Veen, Dutch Psychoanalytical Society (NPaV)

Presenters

Silvia Acosta, Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society (PPS)

Beyond neutrality: The analyst's position in cases of domestic violence.

Yara Debbas Tabet, Lebanese Association for the Development of Psychoanalysis (ALDeP).

On Violence and Femininity in the Analytic Setting.



Paula Rego 'Good Dog' 1935
Private collection



Huguette Caland 1975 *Tendresse*
Courtesy Huguette Caland Estate

Emanuela Quagliata

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Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek, Iris Sarajlić Vuković, Mary- Anne Tandy.



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Dear colleagues and friends, we invite you to our next study group on

April 25th 2026 10.30-12.00 CET

Michel Van Veen

The Maternal under Fire: the Death Drive and the Inner Assault

Discussant, Lisa Baraitser

Michel van Veen is a member of the Dutch Psychoanalytical Society in practice in Amsterdam. He is chair of the Scientific Committee and also chair of the Committee for Psychoanalysis and Film of the DPS.

Lisa Baraitser is Professor of Psychosocial Studies at Birkbeck, University of London, and a psychoanalyst (Member of the British Psychoanalytical Society) in practice in London. She is the author of the award-winning monograph *Maternal Encounters: The Ethics of Interruption* (Routledge), *Enduring Time* (Bloomsbury, 2017), *Waiting Times: Crisis, Chronicity, Care* co-authored with Laura Salisbury (Bloomsbury, 2026) and a forthcoming edited collection with Emanuela Quagliata, *Violence and the Feminine: Psychoanalytic Perspectives* (Routledge). Her research brings psychoanalytic and social theory together to address the temporal, ethical and affective dimensions of care. Her current research, funded by the Wellcome Trust is an interdisciplinary project on the future of fertility control.



Jenny Saville's *Study from Pentimenti*

EPF Committee Violence and the Feminine

Emanuela Quagliata, Chair

with Silvia Acosta, Peter Andersson, Olena Kovtun, Nadia Kozhouharova, Rolands Ivanovs, Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek, Carine Minne, Iris Sarajlić Vuković, Mary-Anne Tandy, Michel Van Veen.



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EPF COMMITTEE *VIOLENCE AND THE FEMININE*

Saturday, **May 30th** 2026, 10.30 - 12.00 CET

Presenters

Iris Sarajlić Vuković

Adult and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst, Croatian Psychoanalytical Society.

Croatian and Bosnian mothers' refugees and perinatal mental health care

Nikolina Jovanović

Associate Professor of Perinatal Psychiatry and Consultant Psychiatrist, Queen Mary University of London, UK.

Perinatal mental health in the context of violence

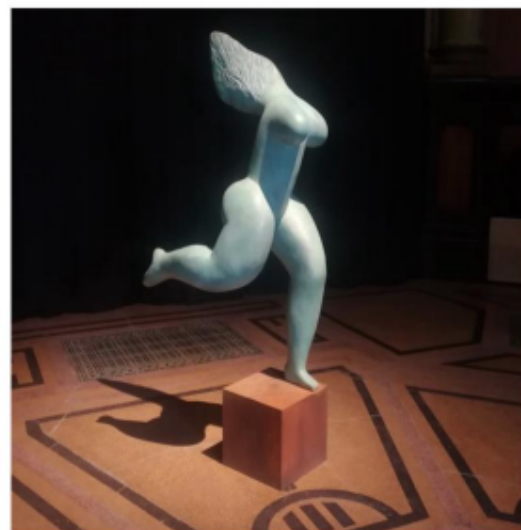
Discussant

Joan Raphael-Leff

Psychoanalyst, Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society (BPAS-IPA). Now retired, she was Professor of Psychoanalysis at the University of Essex, and Head of MSc in Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology at University College London. For over 50 years she specialized in reproduction and early parenting, publishing 14 books and 150 papers in the field.



Nađa Rojo, *Self-portrait in a hunting suit*, 1912, Modern Gallery, Zagreb, Croatia.



Marija Ujević, *Escaped from Paradise*, 2014, the property of the artist. Photograph by the author.

Emanuela Quagliata, Chair; Silvia Acosta, Peter Andersson, Olena Kovtun, Nadia Kozhouharova, Rolands Ivanovs, Carine Minne, Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek, Iris Sarajlić Vuković, Mary-Anne Tandy, Michel Van Veen.



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EPF COMMITTEE *VIOLENCE AND THE FEMININE*

Saturday, June 27th 2026, 10.30 - 12.00 CET

Presenters

Mary-Anne Tandy with Esther Chunga

Ububele, Educational and Psychotherapy Trust - Johannesburg

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and

Marie Rose Moro with Mayssa' El Hussein

Maison de Solenn, Hôpital Cochin (AP-HP) – Paris

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qI2ZmKwGFwA>

Understanding Women's Violence towards their Children

Discussant

Suzanne Maiello

Italian Ass. Psychoanalytical Psychotherapy (AIPPI)



Zizipho Poswa, *Pillars of the Nation* 2023



Louise Bourgeois, *The Good Mother* 2003

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EPF COVAF

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September 26th 10.30-12 CET

Galit Treves, presenter

**Living in a Battlefield Zone of Femininity and Masculinity:
Eating Disorders and Self-Harm**

Galit Treves is a member of the British Psychoanalytic Association (BPA). She has worked extensively with psychosomatic presentations, with a particular focus on eating disorders. Her clinical experience includes four years working in the adult eating disorders ward at Tel HaShomer Hospital in Israel, followed by many years in private practice. She has taught on the BPA training and foundation courses and has supervised students on the Tavistock Psychodynamic Psychotherapy course.

She published: *Issues in the Treatment of Eating Disorders in Israel* (2013).

Ronald Doctor, discussant

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Rutilio Manetti 1571-1639 - Saint Catherine of Siena
<https://www.killyourdarlings.com.au/article/unholy-anorexia/>



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October 24th 2026, 10.30-12 CET

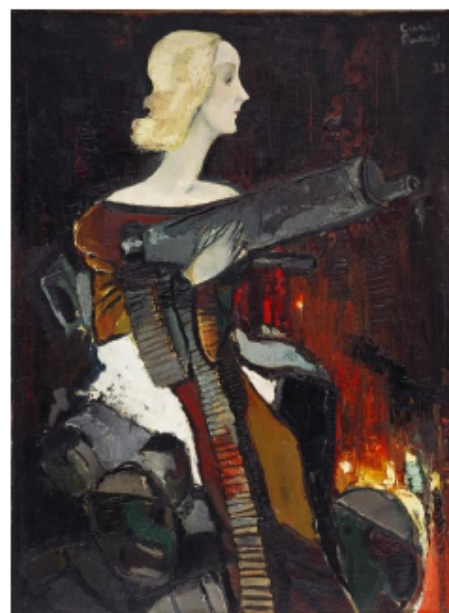
A Dialogue on Female Masochism, Dependency and Freedom

Rolands Ivanovs (Estonian-Latvian Psy. Soc.)

Psychiatrist, psychotherapist, and psychoanalyst, member of the Estonian-Latvian Psychoanalytical Society and member of the EPF Committee on Violence and the Feminine. His professional interests include neuropsychanalysis, Transference-Focused Psychotherapy, narcissistic personality pathology, questions of femininity and masculinity, dreams, erotic transference, and sadomasochism in clinical practice. Amongst his presentations: *"The Bridge Between Life and Death: Destructive Narcissism and the Struggle for Eros"* at the Ukrainian IPSO Days Conference, *Eros in Dark Times*.

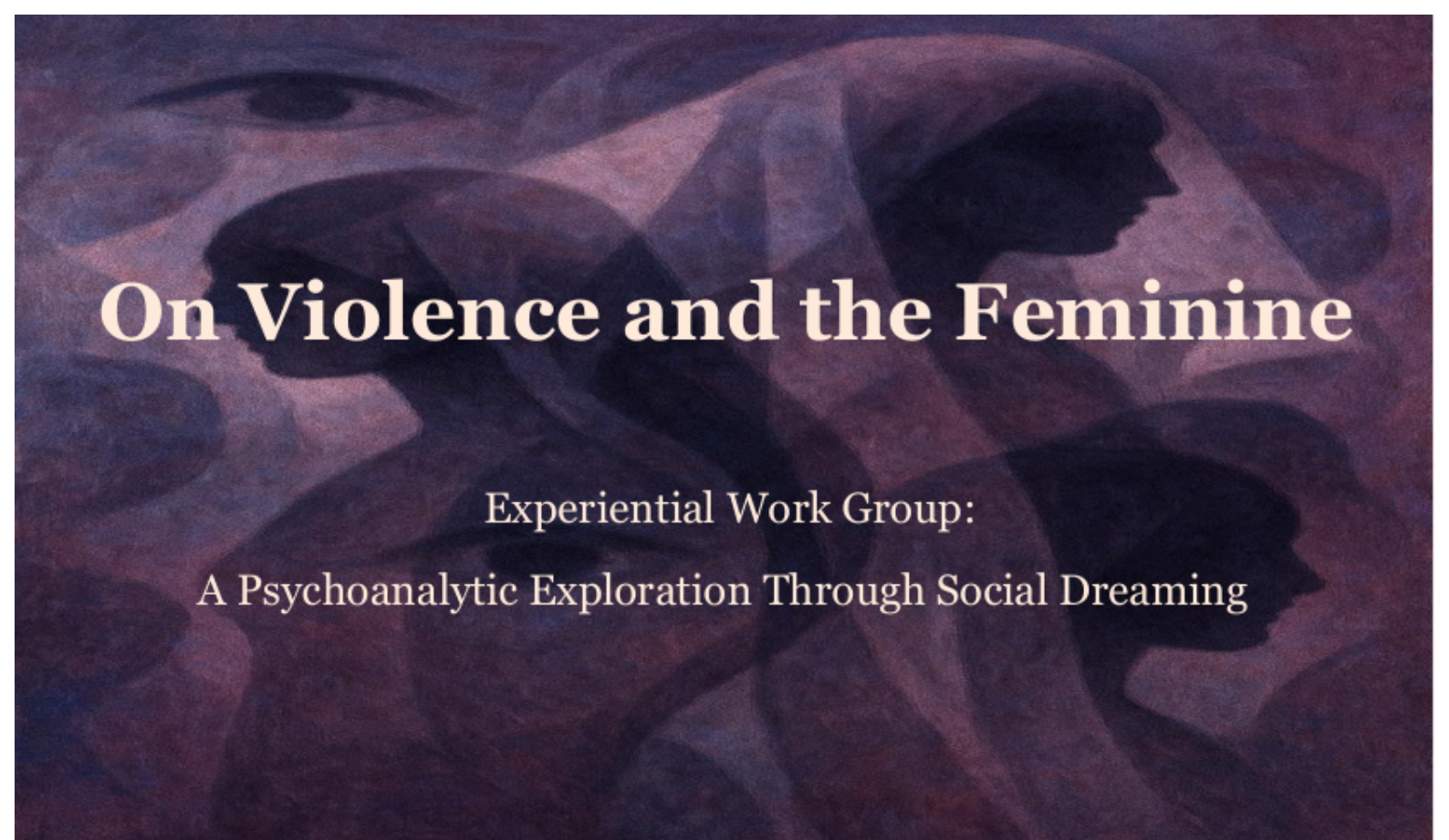
Discussant, Nadia Kozhouharova (Bulgarian Psy. Soc.)

Psychotherapist and psychoanalyst, member of the Bulgarian Psychoanalytical Society and member of the EPF Committee on Violence and the Feminine. For more than 30 years, she has worked at the Animus Association Foundation, a specialized center providing support to survivors of violence. Her clinical and therapeutic work focuses on supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and other forms of abuse and violence. Member of the Bulgarian group Cinema and Psychoanalysis and member of the Board of the Bulgarian Psy. Society.



Kārlis Padegs, Madonna with a Machine Gun, 1932
Latvian National Museum of Art

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Building on Lawrence's Social Dreaming framework, Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek conducts the work group through a psychoanalytic group method, attending not only to the dream associations emerging from the Matrix but also to the dynamics of the group process. This psychoanalytic perspective brings a binocular vision to Social Dreaming, exploring both the social unconscious accessed through dreams and the relational processes through which meanings emerge within the group.

Given the often unrepresented and unformulated nature of violence as it relates to the feminine, the SDM and subsequent Dream Reflection Dialogue (DRD) together offer an experiential group method that facilitates reflection, symbolization, and the exploration of unconscious social experience.

Modality of Work:

This online experiential work group consists of a Social Dreaming Matrix (SDM) followed by a Dream Reflection Dialogue (DRD). Developed by Gordon Lawrence, the Social Dreaming Matrix invites participants to share dreams or dream fragments and to associate freely to them. The emphasis is not on interpreting dreams for the dreamer, but on exploring the associative links between dreams and collective experience. Dreams are approached as social as well as individual phenomena, offering access to unconscious processes embedded within groups, organizations, cultures, and societies. Following the Matrix, participants engage in a Dream Reflection Dialogue (DRD).

Format: The work group is conducted online in English. No previous experience with Social Dreaming is required. The group is experiential rather than therapeutic; dreams are not interpreted for the dreamer, and participation is voluntary.

Intended Participants: The work group is open to psychoanalysts, candidates, and interdisciplinary professionals interested in psychoanalytic perspectives on group dynamics, violence, and the feminine.

Date: Saturday 28 November 2026

Time: 9:30–11:00 AM CET / 10:30–12:00 PM EET
(45 min SDM + 45 min DRD)

Registration: To register, contact:
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Nur Agdelen – nuragdelen@gmail.com

Facilitator: Dr. Hana Salaam Abdel-Malek is a psychoanalyst, a member of the Paris Psychoanalytical Society (SPP) and the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA), and a CEDR Accredited Mediator. She holds a doctorate in psychology and is in private practice in Beirut, specializing in couples, family, and group psychoanalysis. She has published on psychoanalysis, conflict, trauma, and Social Dreaming.