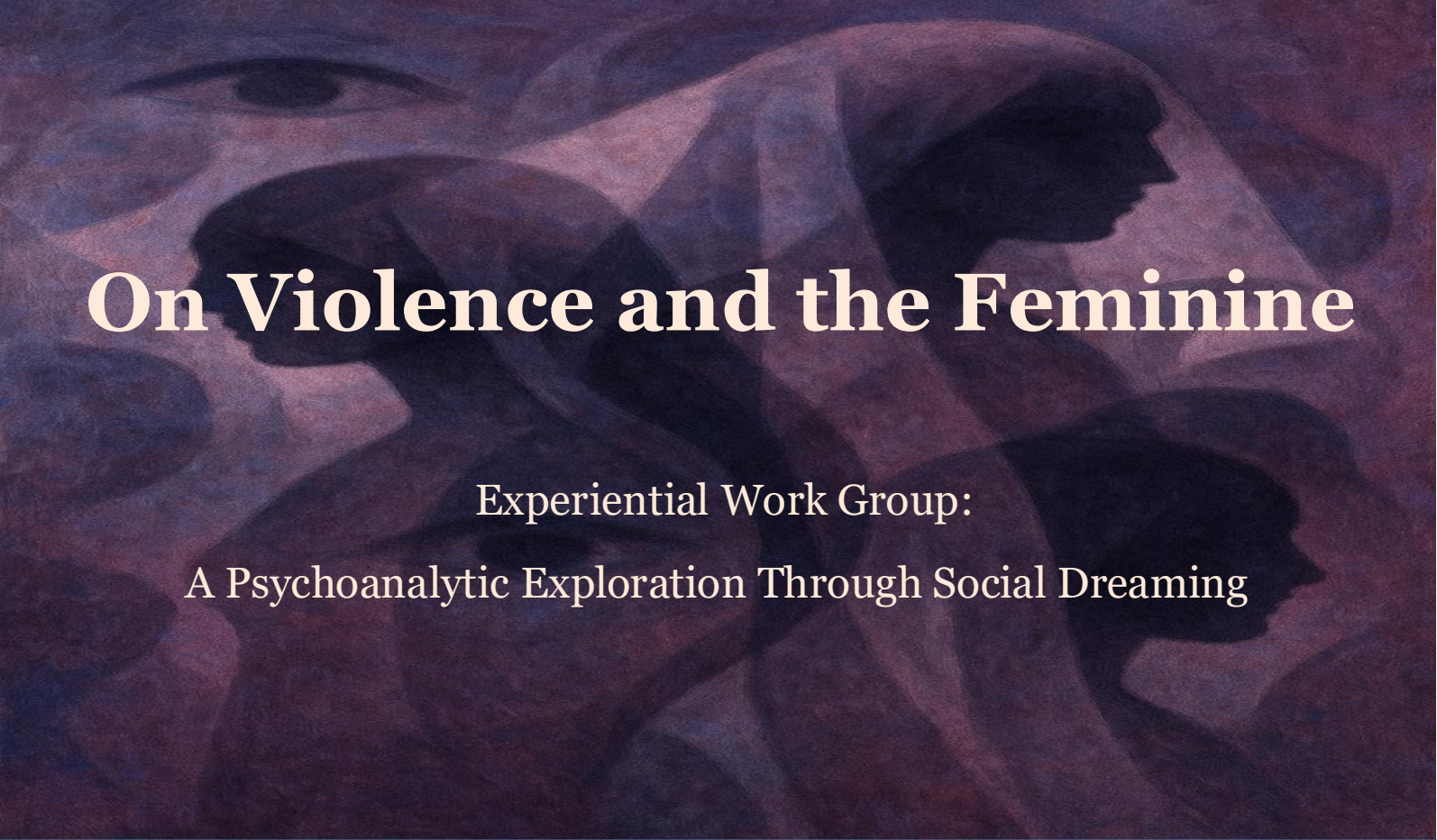




On Violence and the Feminine

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 centres 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 sociocultural experience through 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 analysis of group processes. He referred to this as a "monocular" vision focused on Social Dreaming.

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

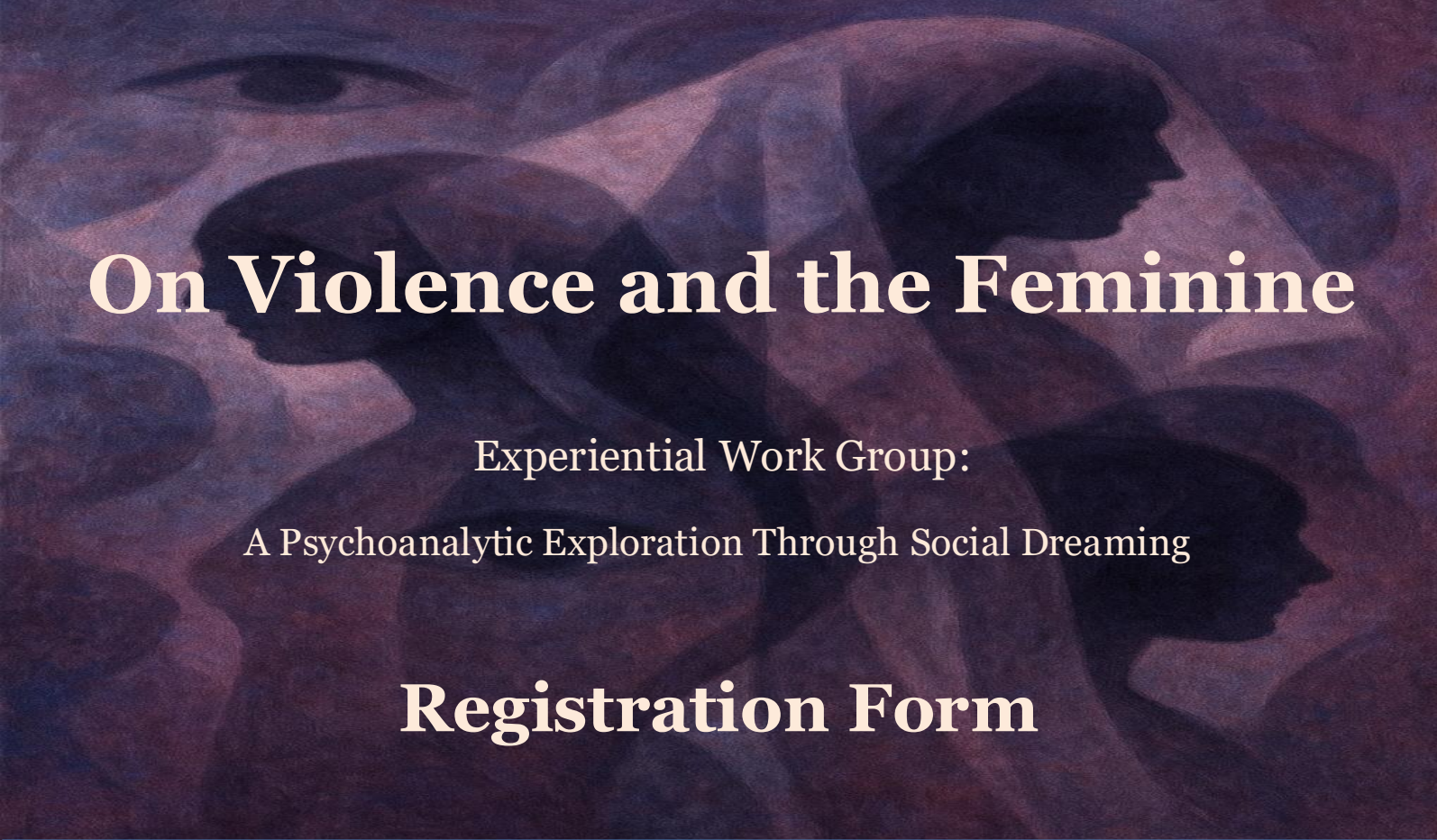
Time: 9:30–11:00 AM CET / 10:30–12:00 PM EET
(45 min SDM + 45 min DRD)

Registration: To register, contact:

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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.



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Registration Form

Personal Information:

- First Name: _____
- Last Name: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Phone Number (optional): _____
- Country/Location: _____

Professional Information:

- Profession/Field: _____
- Affiliation/Organization: _____

Previous Experience with Social Dreaming, Psychoanalysis, or Psychotherapy:

Please tick as appropriate:

- ☐ I have experience with Social Dreaming
- ☐ I have experience with Group Psychoanalysis
- ☐ I have experience with Individual Psychoanalysis
- ☐ I have experience with Psychotherapy
- ☐ I have no previous experience